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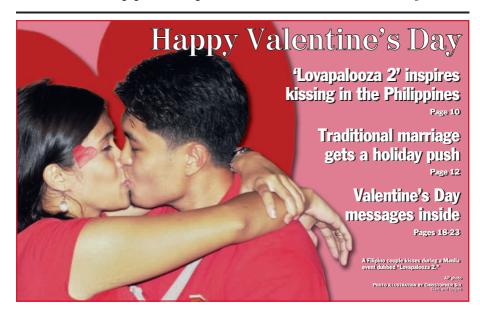
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Study ship repaired: A study abroad vessel that had stopped almost two weeks ago for repairs and inspections in Honolulu Harbor has passed muster and set sail for Asia

The Semester at Sea ship, a floating classroom that takes students to ports around the world, departed Honolulu on Saturday for Ho Chi Minh City

The 700 college students in the program are scheduled to reboard the ship in India. The 591-foot Explorer, carrying 990 p sengers and crew members, limped into Ho-nolulu Harbor on Jan. 31 after navigating more than a week's worth of rough seas.

Wal-Mart child labor cases: Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, will pay \$135,540 to settle federal charges that it broke child labor laws, the Labor Department said Saturday.

The 24 violations, which occurred at stores in Arkansas, Connecticut and New Hampshire, had to do with teenage workers who used hazardous equipment such as a chain saw, paper balers and fork lifts.

Wal-Mart denied the allegations but agreed to pay the penalty

Hurricane fraud: From Miami to Winter Haven to Starke, Floridians have accused their neighbors, colleagues and even their own relatives of taking advantage of the hurricanes by collecting disaster assistance they didn't deserve.

Since Hurricane Charley slammed the state Aug. 13, the first of four last season, more than 110 people throughout Florida have contacted the state attorney general to report fraud against the Federal Emergency Management Agency. They told of appli-cants pouring water on their belongings, collecting checks for furniture they didn't own and claiming damage to appliances that weren't working before the storms.

Presidential campaign spending: The bat-tle for Ohio in last year's presidential campaign came with a huge price tag: \$100 mil-lion for television advertising alone, according to a new study.

The election turned on Ohio's 20 Electoral College votes. Not until preliminary results were available early on Nov. 3 did Democratic challenger John Kerry concede.

Kerry and his Democratic allies spent \$61 million on television ads compared with \$39 million by President Bush and Republican groups. Together, the two campaigns spent as much on television ads as Bush spent nationwide to win the 2000 Republican nomination, the study said.

#### World

N. Korea nuclear crisis: China has pledged to try and revive talks aimed at ending North Korea's nuclear programs, after the isolated. Stalinist state's declaration that it had atomic weapons and was boycotting disarmament negotiations.

The United States and other countries involved in the six-party talks have called on China to use its influence over North Korea. Beijing is Pyongyang's last major ally and a key supplier of food and energy to the im-

poverished dictatorship. Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing spoke Saturday night by phone with Secretary of State



Flooding in Pakistan: Flood victims in Pasni rush towards a Pakistani Navy helicopter to receive relief goods Sunday, A second dam burst in southwestern Pakistan on Sunday, pushing the nationwide death toll from a week of torrential rain, floods and avalanches past 360, as troops and rescue workers battled to distribute relief supplies to survivors.

Condoleezza Rice and said Beijing stands firm in supporting a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula, the Chinese government said Sunday.

India military aid: India has suspended indefinitely military aid to Nepal's fight against Maoist insurgents in a bid to pressure the monarch of the Himalayan nation to restore democracy, a news report said Sunday

India harshly criticized Nepal's King Gyanendra after he dismissed the government and declared a state of emergency on Feb.1. But analysts initially expressed doubt that New Delhi would withdraw military aid. fearing a Maoist victory would encourage communist rebels in India.

American hostages in Colombia: U.S. Em-bassy officials in Bogota, Colombia, Friday remembered three Americans who were captured by leftist rebels two years ago.

U.S. Ambassador William Wood, in a som ber ceremony marking the second anniversary of the capture of the three U.S. military contractors, said he was disappointed that rewards offered by the U.S. government for the Americans have produced insufficient

Israel prisoner release: Israel's Cabinet on Sunday approved a list of names of 500 Palestinian prisoners to be released in coming days and several hundred Palestinian workers returned to jobs in Israel after months of closure, in line with agreements

reached at a Mideast summit last week.

Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, meanwhile, was to present a new Cabinet to his Fatah movement for approval Tuesday. Abbas was expected to appoint new interior, foreign and information ministers, but keep on many members of the current Cabinet officials said

Also Sunday, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Sunday instructed Israel's law enforcement agencies to act against Jewish extremists who onnose his plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip.

Togo riots: Togo's Army-installed President Faure Gnassingbe ignored international condemnation Sunday for his handling of street riots in which at least three protesters were killed, instead praising his police force and deploring demonstrators.

Opposition leaders said the number of protesters killed in Saturday's demonstration had risen to seven. Government officials did not confirm the claim.

The death of Gnassingbe's father, longtime President Gnassingbe Eyadema, from a heart attack Feb. 5 led the military to appoint Gnassingbe as his successor in defi-ance of the country's constitution. Authorities have banned all political rallies and demonstrations during the official two-month mourning period.

Sri Lanka cease-fire: Sri Lanka's fragile cease-fire has come under new strain after the deadly ambush of a top rebel commander and a grenade attack on a guerrilla office. a truce monitor said Sunday.

Unidentified assailants lobbed a grenade at a Tamil Tiger office late Saturday, killing one person and wounding two others. Days earlier, a top insurgent leader was gunned down with five others.

We recognize that the cease-fire is under great strain," said Helen Olafsdottir, spokeswoman for the Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission. She said the rebel leadership had raised "se-rious concerns" over the grenade attack in a government-held northwestern town.

Afghan crash recovery: NATO and Afghan troops retrieved the flight recorder from a crashed Afghan airliner Sunday, an Afghan official said, 10 days after the plane smashed into a mountain in a snowstorm, killing all 104 people on board.

The first clear weather in nearly a week allowed helicopters to ferry troops and investigators to the crash site, 10,000 feet up a snow-covered peak about 20 miles east of the capital, officials said.

Maj. Gen. Mohammed Moeen Faqir, an Afghan army commander, said the teams had not yet been able to recover any of the

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### From Dresden to Baghdad, an evolution

### Attack was one of many to target civilians ...

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BY RON JENSEN Stars and Stripes

Hundreds of bombers opened bellies and thousands of bombs tumbled out, screaming earthwards and landing willy-nilly on the medieval German

city of Dresden.

The first bombing took place on the night of Feb. 13, 1945, but the attack continued throughout the next day. British bombers flew at night; American aircraft worked

the day shift. The city burned and tens of thousands died, mostly civilians.

Dresden burns still. History has been revised, lowering the number of dead from more than 100,000 to less than half that and unveiling

city's military role that had been denied for decades.
The firebomb

ing of Dresden 60 years ago still symbolizes the horror aerial bombing can impose on a civilian population.

"It seemed as if the very air was on fire," one survivor re-called in a memoir.

The very idea of bombing from the air was so horrific it was outlawed even before it existed. At the Hague Conference of 1899, a ban was placed on dropping bombs from balloons or "any other new method."

"These were visionaries that could foresee what might happen," said Peter Murton, a historian at the Imperial War Museum at Duyford England

When World War I began in 1914, aviation was a tool for reconnaissance. The war would be won on the ground, commanders on both sides believed.

The bloody stalemate of the Western Front forced a rethink-ing. The Germans had built a long-range bomber and in 1918 their attacks on London struck mostly at British morale.

"The (physical) damage was out of proportion with the psychological damage," said Bridget Pollard, who researched strategic bombing for the Duxford museum.

The tide had turned. Aviation was a viable weapon. For the rest of the war, more attention and money were directed at developing air forces capable of dropping

bombs. In the 1930s both German and England de Germany veloped bombers for the coming conflict. When

fighting began, each was capable of bombing the other. The problem, however, was the crude method of dropping heavy explosives from above.

"A hit was sort of getting within a mile," Pollard said

Technology did improve. Navigational equipment and bombsights made it easier to find a specific target on the ground below.

But bombs still fell from air-

craft and were ultimately guided by gravity and air currents. Civilian deaths and damage to nonmilitary sights were tremendous.

That wasn't accidental. Leaders from both sides believed bombing

A file photo of the city of Dresden, Germany, shows the ruined city from the tower of the city hall. According to German officials, 35,000 people were killed during U.S.-British air attacks on Feb. 13 and 14, 1945.

civilians would break their spirit and force an end to the war. Civilian deaths from bombing continued during wars in both Korea and Vietnam. The bombers themselves had been improved. Targeting was more exact thanks to aeri-

al photography. But bombs were still "dumb iron," said Tom Hughes, professor of military history at the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies at Maxwell AFB, Ala

Through the 1940s and 50s and most of the 1960s, bombing was pretty much the same as it was in World War II," Hughes said in a telephone intervi An enduring image of the Viet-

nam War is that of bombs raining from the undersides of B-52s over North Vietnam. North Vietnamese interviewed after the war said they trembled in fear at the mere sound of the bombers.

By the end of the war, precision-guided munitions were part of the arsenal. With them came a new philosophy. Killing women and children on the ground, destroying schools and hospitals, was no long

er a necessary part of war. For America, the first large use of precision-guided munitions was in the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Even then, however, only 10 percent to 12 percent of hombs were "smart'

"The American people don't get a sense of that," Hughes said, because so many cockpit videos of smart bombs played on television screens.

Now, he said, the percentage has flipped. Nearly all munitions dropped from aircraft in the battles for Afghanistan and Iraq have been precision-guided.

Civilian casualties still occur. The organization Iraq Body Count estimates between 16,000 and 18,000 civilians have been killed since America invaded Iraq in March 2003.

In Iraq, the Air Force is continually upgrading its ability to strike targets with enough precision to minimize or eliminate unintend-ed damage and deaths.

"We don't carpet bomb anymore," said Col. Bob Chapman, di-rector of operations for Central Air Force Command at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

With aerial bombing a central part of America's battle strategy the war in Kosovo was fought exclusively from the air — the technology makes a repeat of Dresden nearly impossible

Yet a comment about bombing raids from an Iraqi man reported in news accounts — "Nowhere felt safe and there was nothing we could do," could have come from London or Tokyo or Hanoi in wars past.

Furthermore, Dresden was not unique for World War II. Scores of German and Japanese cities en-

dured the wrath of Allied bombs. Pollard said, "Dresden is a raid at the end of the war where everything goes right. They find the target. They hit the target. The target burns

That, she said, is what they'd been trying to do all along.

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... But in Iraq, smart bombs aim to reduce 'collateral damage'

One truth in Iraq, said Col. Bob Chapman, is the minds and hearts of Iragis won't be won if America drops bombs on them.

That's why, the director of oper-ations for U.S. Central Air Force Command said, great care is taken in the country before a bomb is dropped.

"We take collateral damage mitigation very seriously," he said in a telephone interview from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. "Almost every weapon we drop is a precision munitions now.

Every day in Iraq, Air Force planes drop bombs, providing close air support for troops on the ground or going after "high value targets," such as leaders of the stubborn insurgency.

But in both cases, Air Force officers said, they try to limit or eliminate damage to noncombatants.

"We do a four-tier analysis on every target we go after," said Mai. Jeff Reiman, an intelligence targeteer at Shaw.

First, planners draw a circle

around a target, he said, to determine if any or how many buildings might be hit beyond the main

Next, use of a weapon is consid-ered, he said. Perhaps a bomb will be used that will bore into the earth below the building before it explodes, "letting the earth do some work for us" by absorbing the blast. Reiman said

The third tier examines the effects of the weapon beyond the angle used by the attacking aircraft to deliver the weapon.

The final look is an estimate of how many people beyond the target likely will be killed in the at-

"I have to tell you, it's a very conservative estimate that we use," Reiman said. "It goes to worst case

The decision to bomb may be sent up the chain of command, going as high as the secretary of defense, if the estimated casualty figure is high.

For a close air support mission



A government building in Baghdad burns during the U.S.-led invasion on March 21, 2003.

the same analysis is used, but the determining factor may be differ-

"We're going to deliver fire and protect American lives when we need to." Reiman said.

The Air Force continues to upgrade its technology in the region to better choose its targets. The unmanned aircraft called Predator can trace circles above a target and deliver video to command-

ers who make bombing decisions. Recently, Chapman said, the Air Force began using the GBU-38, a 500-pound bomb guided by satellite. It is dropped almost perpendicular to the earth, he said

"We're able to contain the blast within that building," he said.

More recently, said Lt. Col. Greg Harbin, CENTAF deputy director of operations, air controllers traveling with the Army received ROVER — a remotely-operated video enhanced receiver. This allows a controller to see on

a laptop computer what a pilot sees on the cockpit video screen. He said this helps in urban environments where buildings all

look the same and the pilot may not recognize the target. "To the guy on the ground, it

may look like three buildings." he said. But the pilot may see only one building with a common roof. With ROVER, the ground controller will know if the pilot has identified the wrong target.

this on our trip to Baghdad the first time," said Col. Byron Ris-ner, CENTAF chief of combat operations at the Combined Air Onerations Center, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, who accompanied the 3rd Infantry Division on the initial invasion of Iraq.

"I would have loved to have

Back then, he said, controllers were able to call in airstrikes only on what they could see from the ground.

The officers said more efforts to improve targeting would be made as the insurgency continues along with America's attempt to fight it.

"We're not resting on our lau-"We're not recommended rels," said Chapman.

— Ron Jensen

# Counselor hopes play brings joy to troops

By CHARLIE COON Stars and Strings

In times of stress, some people need a good song to hear and a reason to smile. Enter Thayne Andersen, who wrote and

Enter Thayne Andersen, who wrote and performed "Alaska Nuggets — Mostly Golden" because the tim-

ing was right.

"At this time, when
there is a lot of war and
bad feelings, it just is
[right]," Andersen said. "I
wanted to do something
that was patriotic, to do
our part in helping the mo-

rale of the troops."
Andersen, the clinical
director for the Alcohol
and Substance Abuse Program at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers
Europe, in Mons, Belgium, was inspired by the
attacks of Sept. 11, 2001,
to write his one-man play
about his home state of
Alaska.

"Nuggets" is based on three poems by the Scottish writer Robert W. Service. They are "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," "The Ballad of Blasphemous Bill," and "The Cremation of Sam McGee." Some think of Service as the Mark Twain of Alaska and the Canadian Yukon. Andersen most recently

performed the play in

Mons. It lasts 50 minutes and features costumes and props and his wife, Ann, on piano. He had previously performed "Nuggets" in Germany at Chimsee, Garmisch,

Rhein-Main and Bad Aibling, where he worked for four years.

Andersen met Ann when she answered an advertisement for a pianist to accompany him in song. She has now been accompanying him for 38 years.

"What I admire the most about his acting

Andersen

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Golden," in Belgium and

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2001, attacks

Mons, Belgium

Age: 62

inspired to write and perform

Job: Clinical director, Alcohol

Family: Wife, Ann: two grown

Hometown: Fairbanks, Alaska

80th Area Support Group,

and Substance Abuse Program.

the piece after the Sept. 11,

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is he is so totally uninhibited," Ann Andersen said.
"When he gets onstage, he doesn't mind doing silly things or making fun of himself, and it makes him a lot more believable in these roles."

Andersen does not

come across as a song and dance man. As a substance abuse counselor, he confidentially counsels people with drinking problems through thoughtful give and take. "Generally it's single

soldiers a long way from home who do a lot of drinking and tend to get in trouble," Andersen said. "They seem to appreciate it when someone points out that there other things to do than just drink."

Debbie Solis, an administrative assistant at the clinic, said Andersen comes alive on stage but is serious and reserved as a clinician.

Stars and Stripes "He has a willingness

to listen, to treat each person as an individual, and a desire to see them get well again," Solis said. "Whenever he gets a referral he's eager to make contact with the person and interview them."



Photos special to Stars and Stripe

Thayne Andersen, a substance abuse counselor for the 80th Area Support Group in Mons, Belgium, performs his one-act play "Alaska Nuggets — Mostly Golden."

Andersen performed his play on Oct. 1-2 as part of SHAPE's one-act play festival. The audience this time was pretty small, Andersen said, but that's OK.

"We were competing against Oktoberfest," he said. "You can imagine a soldier, if they have a choice, will choose beer. We still did our share, so it doesn't bother me. "The people who went to it stop me in

the road and say, 'We remember those songs.' It makes you feel good, like you've done something, that you don't just go to work, earn money and go home."

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#### New Army badge

The New York Times reported Sunday that Army troops assigned to combat units that come under fire will be eligible for a new badge that recognizes their efforts separately from ribbons for all who serve in Iraq or Afghanistan or who support the Pentagon's antiterrorism missions based in the United States, a senior Army official said Saturday.

The Times said the new award called the Close Combat Badge, was unveiled to a private conference of four-star generals convened in Washington this weekend by Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff, the senior official said

The Times said the badge was requested by field commanders and reflects their desire to distinguish the efforts of soldiers whose units are "organized to routinely conduct close combat operations and engage in direct combat," the Army official said.

#### 3 U.S. soldiers killed

TIKRIT, Iraq - Three U.S. soldiers were killed when their military vehicle rolled into a canal early Sunday, the military said. The accident occurred when

the men from Task Force Danger were on a combat patrol early Sunday morning near the town of Balad, 50 miles north of Baghdad, the U.S. command said in a statement

Five soldiers attempting to rescue the men were evacuated for medical treatment, but were all expected to return to duty, the

military said. An investigation was launched into the accident, the military

#### 3 Iragis gunned down

said

BAGHDAD - Gunmen ambushed a car carrying an Iraqi general in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad on Sunday, killing him and two companions, police officials said

Brig. Gen. Jadaan Farhan and his companions were traveling in a white four-wheel drive vehicle through Baghdad's Kazimiyah district when the attack occurred. an Iraqi police officer said on condition of anonymity

They were killed inside the car, their bodies left for emergency services to recover, witnesses

A claim of responsibility for the attack in the name of al-Qaida quickly surfaced on a Web site that often posts statements by Islamic militants

#### 4 dead in Mosul attack

BAGHDAD - Insurgents attacked a U.S. convoy and a government building near the north-ern Iraqi city of Mosul, leaving at least four people dead, hospital workers said. Two Iraqi National Guard troops were also killed while trying to defuse a roadside bomb

Insurgents fired on the convoy in Al-Qahira district, just north of Mosul, sparking a battle that left at least four people dead and two wounded, doctors at the Al-Jumhuri Teaching Hospital said.

Insurgents also fired a rocket at the governor's building in Mosul, killing one woman and one man, as well as injuring four others, officials at the hospital said.

From staff and wire reports

44 We have a responsibility now to work together for the sake of the people. They have made this magnificent gesture and we should all take it seriously and make it work.

> Ibrahim al-Jaafari Iraqi vice president



Farid Ayar, left, spokesman for the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq, and Adel al-Lami, the commission's chief of electoral office, give the final election results Sunday in Baghdad.

### Iragi election results released

#### Candidates from majority Shiites win most votes, followed by Kurds and form the core of the insurgen-

By JASON KEYSER The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Irag's majority Shiite Muslims won nearly half the votes in the nation's landmark Jan. 30 election, giving the long-oppressed group significant power but not enough to form a government on its own.

The Shiites likely will have to form a coalition in the 275-member National Assembly with the other top vote-getters - the Kurds and Prime Minister Avad Allawi's list - to push through their agenda and select a president and prime minister. The president and two vice presidents must be elected by a two-thirds majority.

"We have a responsibility now to work together for the sake of the people. They have made this magnificent gesture and we should all take it seriously and make it work," said Iraqi Vice President Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a leading Shiite and possible candidate for prime minister.

Mouwafak al-Rubaie, the national security adviser and a Shiite politician, said the Iraqi government will not be formed from one sect or one ethnic group.

"Iraq and its new government can't be built by one faction or shade and it is not possible that only two or three sects participate in this government," al-Rubaie told Al-Arabiya. "There is one principal we

agreed upon, which is the principal of participation and not only agreement, but real participation from all sects.'

Barham Saleh, Iraq's deputy prime minister and a top Kurd politician, also called for an inclusive transitional government.

"We cannot afford another era of conflict and turbulence," he said on CNN's 'Late Edition.' "It's time Iragis enjoyed stability and democracy, and that's what requires bringing all key players and all key communities board, and we will do so."

Minority Sunni groups, which largely boycotted voting booths cy, rejected the election - raising the prospect of continued violence as Iraqis try to rebuild their country.

In an interview with Al-Jazeera television, Mohammed Bashar of the anti-American Association of Muslim Scholars said the fact that there were no international or U.N. monitors in Iraq made him question the figures.

"Those who boycotted the elections are more than those who took part in it," he said. "Boycotting the election does not mean that the boycotter will renounce his rights.

The Shiite-dominated ticket received more than 4 million votes or about 48 percent of the total cast, Iraqi election officials said. A Kurdish alliance was second with 2.175 million votes, or 26 percent, and Allawi's list was third with about 1.168 million, or 13.8 percent.

Of Irag's 14 million eligible vot ers, 8,550,571 cast ballots for 111 candidate lists the commission said. About 94,305 were declared invalid. The Iraqi Electoral Commission said the turnout was 58 percent.

Assuming the total vote tally doesn't change, a party will need 30.750 votes to win a seat in the National Assembly. Only 12 par-ties have made the threshold, under the provisional results.

Once the results are certified, a compley mathematical formula will determine how many seats each of those parties will receive.

If there are no changes to the vote totals, and a small change could dramatically shift the results, the United Iraqi Alliance will have 140 seats in the National Assembly, just a slight majority. The Kurdistan Alliance will hold 75 seats and the Iraqi list will hold 40.

The remaining nine parties will split up 20 seats.

The provisional figures indicate that many Sunni Arabs stayed at home on election day, with only 13,893 votes — or 2 percent — cast in the National Assembly race in Anbar province, a stronghold of the Sunni Muslim insurgency.

#### U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Saturday, at least 1,457 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,111 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said

The figures include four military civilians. The AP count is seven higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 20; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each: and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one death each

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,319 U.S. military members

have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,002 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military: A Marine in Anbar province and a soldier in Babil province were killed in separate

vehicle accidents Friday The latest identifications reported by the

■ No identifications reported.



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Above: Staff Sgt. Austin "John-o" Williams of the 518th Gun Truck Company, left, consults with the commander of the Iraqi Express, Staff Sgt. Dan Miller, during a stop in southern Iraq on Nov. 1. Right: Staff Sgt. David Cardoso secures a load of tires on the back of his fathed Heavy Equipment Truck at Camp Scania in central Iraq on Nov. 1. Cardoso is a truck driver for the 1487th Transportation Company of the Ohio National Guard one of several units number the daily Iraqi Express.



### **Protecting U.S. troops, convoys with armor**

#### BY JOHN HENDREN Los Angeles Times

CAMP NAVISTAR, Kuwait — The green trucks of the Iraqi Express line up daily along the Iraq-Kuwait border in a pre-dawn ritual for a trip that lasts four days and covers 1,200 miles.

Behind a makeshift steel plate on the door of a cargo truck, Sgt. Cesar Feliciano is nervous. His pregnant wife in Puerto Rico doesn't know he's riding a bomb magnet across Iraq on this day for the first time, or that he'll keep doing so every week this year.

"I don't tell my family about it, going on convoys, I tell them I'm going to be in a safe place, so they don't worry about it," he says. "I hope nothing happens."

But on at least one out of every five trips, drivers say, something does happen. Eighteen months after insurgents first began to line Iraqi roads with bombs, U.S. military vehicles continue to brave Iraq's most perilous roadways without armor.

Fresh American troops cross the dusty berm from Kuwait into

#### New rules for upgrading vehicles take effect Tuesday

Iraq in the largest troop rotation in U.S. military history. Starting Tuesday, no American military vehicle will travel outside a protected base without some sort of armor, military officials said last week. This is the result of a concentrated push after a National Guardsman confronted Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in December and complained that soldiers were forced to scavenge for makeshift "hillbülly armor" to protect themselves on the trip into

Nevertheless, efforts to further protect American soldiers, much of it undertaken on an ad hoc basis at military bases in Kuwait, are still not finished. After Tuesday, one in every about four of the 25,300 military vehicles outside American bases will still have only the makeshift steel plates known to soldiers as "Mad Max" or hillbilly armor.

About 6,000 unarmored vehicles will be confined to the walled base camps. The makeshift armor has saved many lives and mechanics said some survivors have described their accounts in writing. Military leaders concede the improvised armor is only a temporary measure until more factory-made armor kits can be distributed.

Trucks with the temporary armor will still be used in Iraq until June, when the armor is to be upgraded, military officials told the Senate Armed Service Committee last week. Insurgents began using roadside bombs—or improvised explosive devices, known as IEDs—in the summer of 2003. As vehicles have been armored, insurgents have upped the arite, using larger, deadlier

Protection is getting better, commanders say, but there are few sure things in Iraq when it comes to safety. "I would say the next rotation of troops will be better protected than this rotation of troops, which is better protected than the previous rotation of

troops," said Brig. Gen. Michael Milano, of the Coalition Forces Land Component Command. "There are no guarantees. But we're doing — and we're obligated to do — everything we can to provide as much protection as we can to anybody operating in

When Chief Warrant Officer Randall Menough's crew began lasmoning makesini armor ai Camp Buehring in Kuwait last year, there was no Army directive to Mad Max their vehicles. But like every maintenance company supervisor, he did so anyway.

The company commander, Capt. Angelica Martinez, said some units ask for more armor than can be provided.

"People want to build gunships, but we just can't do that," Martinez said. As outgoing troops reach Kuwait, their armor is removed for use on incoming vehicles.



#### Turkey takes command of NATO forces in Afghanistan

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Turkey took command of NATO-led troops in Afghanistan Sunday for six months in which the alliance plans to relieve U.S. forces in the west and protect elections to the country's first post-Taliban parliament.

Turkish Army Lt. Gen. Ethem Erdagi took charge of the 8,500-strong International Security Assistance Force from Eurocorps, which is dominated by French and German troops, at a ceremony at the force's headquarters in the Afghan capital.

Under its outgoing French commander, Lt. Gen. Jean-Louis Py,

the multinational force expanded from Kabul across a swath of northern Afghanistan and helped provide security for October elections that installed Hamid Karzai as the country's first directly elected president.

During Turkey's tenure, the force is also expected to take charge in the west, with countries such as Spain, Italy and Lithuania supplying extra troops. Parliamentary elections are expected to be held in the summer.

In a speech to dignitaries including NATO officials and Afghanistan's defense and interior ministers, Erdagi said the growing NATO mission and Afghanistan's democratic transition had already created "a new era where the threat of terror and fear no longer has a place in this country."

"I want to stress our intent, commitment and determination to progress in these areas, and carry forward the good work we have inherited from our predecessors," he said.

The NATO force is currently separate from the 18,000-strong U.S.-led coalition hunting Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts mainly in the south and east, though alliance members are discussing how to combine them.

Some American forces in the west manning small bases known as provincial reconstruction teams are expected to come under NATO control. Erdagi said Turkey also intended to provide troons for a provincial team.

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#### IN THE WORLD

#### Annan calls for overhaul of security

BY PAUL AMES The Associated Press

MUNICH, Germany - United Nations chief Kofi Annan appealed Sunday for Europe and the United States to support a radical overhaul of international security to combat terrorism, the spread of weapons of mass destruction and regional conflicts.

'We must strengthen our collective defenses," Annan told a conference of world security officials. He said the plans represented the most far-reaching reform of the international security system since the United Nations was founded in 1945

They call for tougher rules to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons, a trust fund to help poorer nations fight terrorism, a drive to strengthen public health defense against germ warfare and a more proactive approach to allow for quicker action against potential threats.

"In today's world we may also face threats that are not imminent, but which could become actual with little or no warning and might culminate in nightmare sce-narios if left unaddressed," Annan said.

To convince nations of the need for new measures, Annan presented an apocalyptic vision of the

threats facing nations today.
"If New York or London or Paris or Berlin were hit by a nuclear terrorist attack, it might not only kill hundreds of thousands in an instant," Annan warned. "It could also devastate the global economy, thereby plunging mil-lions into poverty in developing

Air travel, he said, could spread deadly disease quickly though the world; civil war in one country can destabilize whole regions and form bases for terrorism or organized crime with glohal reach In a more immediate appeal,

Annan urged NATO and the Euro pean Union to do more to help end the conflict and humanitarian disaster in Sudan's Darfur re-

"People are dying every single day, while we fail to protect them," he said.



German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer talks with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan at the 41st Munich Conference on Security Policy in southern Germany on Sunday.

### **Germany rejects NATO role**

BY PAUL AMES The Associated Press

MUNICH, Germany — German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer on Sunday rejected calls for NATO to play a security role in Iraq by offering to protect U.N. operations there.

"I don't see any added value for NATO in Iraq," Fischer told a security conference. He spoke in reply to a suggestion by Senator Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., that alliance could protect the United Nations

NATO's role in Iraq has been limited to a small training mission in Baghdad and logistics support to a Polish-led force serving with the U.S. coalition, Iraq war opponents led by France and Germany have prevented the alliance developing a wider role, and have refused to send their own troops,

even on the training mission. Fischer said Germany would not veto a NATO decision to do more, if it was backed by the other 25 allies. But he insisted "we will not be sending soldiers

NATO allies have been seeking to put past divisions over the Iraq war behind them in a series of meeting this month due to culmi-nate in a Brussels summit on Feb 22 attended by President Bush and other alliance leaders.

Canada to increase Afghanistan force

The Associated Press

MUNICH, Germany - Canada will nearly double the number of troops it has in Afghanistan by this summer and is considering sending a combat brigade to the Kandahar region early next year, Defense Minister Bill Graham said Sunday.

Canada currently has some 600 troops serving in the Afghan capitional Security Assistance Force, and plans to put a provincial reconstruction team, or PRT, in the southern city of Kandahar by August, Graham said.

The PRT, which aims to boost stability while working on humanitarian projects such as building schools and clinics, would be part of an overall expansion of peacekeepers into the southern region later this year.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan told the conference the United Nations could help the Iraqis with reconstruction and technical support in drawing up a constitution and holding more elec-

But he ruled out a U.N. security role, saying the world body was unlikely to find the necessary "blue helmet" troops for Iraq.

Fischer emphasized German efforts to help Iraq in other ways through military and police training outside the country, economic aid and debt relief.

NATO's top commander on Saturday signaled continued difficul-ties finding troops and funding,

saying an alliance-run military academy for Iraqi officers outside Baghdad is unlikely to be ready before September — months later than originally planned.

'The mission still needs to be properly funded, and of course manning remains a concern, U.S. Gen. James L. Jones, Su-preme Allied Commander, Europe, told reporters. "It is something that hasn't been completely resolved.'

In December, NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Schef-fer was hopeful the academy could be ready by spring. Jones said September was now the target date because more renovation work was needed.

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come a major nuclear fuel suppli-er in 15 years, part of a program that Iran says is for peaceful do-mestic energy purposes but Washington says is aimed at producing an atomic homb "We intend to turn into an im-

portant and a major player in the nuclear fuel supply market in the next 15 years because there will be (an) energy shortage in the future." Asefi said.

By ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

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Iran had indicated in the past

richment activities won't include

construction of a heavy water re-actor but Sunday's announce-

ment is its clearest statement so

resolved differences between Irani-

an and European negotiators, who

continue their talks on Iran's nucle-

ar program as the United States escalates its criticism of Iran.

Asefi also said Iran plans to be

The statement indicates the un-

far of its nuclear program plans.

is part of a weapons program.

Asefi rejected a proposal by European negotiators to stop build-ing a 40-megawatt heavy water nuclear reactor near Arak, in central Iran, in return for a lightwater reactor. Iran says it has gone a long way in developing the Arak facility

"We welcome the European offer ... but this won't replace the heavy water research reactor at all. That (heavy water project) will continue. We will pursue that," he said.

Iran's top leaders have been adamant in recent days that Iran won't scrap its nuclear program, suspected by Washington as a program to produce a nuclear bomb.

Asefi said Iran had long and intensive talks with Europeans this week where negotiators explained Iran's insistence on its nuclear fuel program.

The plants in question can be used to enrich uranium, a critical part in nuclear programs. Urani-um enriched to low grades is used for fuel in nuclear reactors, but further enrichment makes it suit-

Meanwhile in Munich, Germa-y, German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer on Sunday called for the United States to play a more active role in European-led diplomatic efforts to ensure Iran

able for atomic bombs.

does not develop nuclear weapons. "If the United States were to engage positively, and I'm aware of how difficult that is, it would substantially strengthen the Europe-an drive," Fischer said.

He gave a cautious response to a U.S. drive for the Europeans to threaten Iran with II N sanctions if it fails to give viable guarantees

that its nuclear program is peace-



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# Germans mark Dresden bombing

Neo-Nazi rally prompts Schroeder to warn against forgetting history

BY FRANK ELLMERS The Associated Press

DRESDEN, Germany — Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder warned Germans against forgetting history Sunday as supporters of the far-right rallied in Dresden to protest a devastating Allied bombing in World War II that killed an estimated 35,000 residents 60 years ago.

thems of years ago.

The rally — and fears of street clashes — cast a shadow over a day of remembrance and reflection on the U.S.-British air raids, which set off firestorms and destroyed the centuries-old city centuries

Schroeder vowed to fight attempts by neo-Nazis to blur the historical context of the Feb. 13-14, 1945, attack — part of a war started by Nazi Germany during which Adolf Hitler's regime killed 6 million European Jews in the Holocauch

"Today we grieve for the victims of war and the Nazi reign of terror in Dresden, in Germany and in Europe," he said in a statement issued in Berlin. "We will oppose in every way these attempts to reinterpret history. We will not allow cause and effect to be reversed."

Commemorations began with the U.S. and British ambassadors to Germany silently laying wreaths at a Dresden cemetery where some of the bombing's victims are buried.

In another part of town, some 5,000 far-right activists rallied at the Saxony state legislature and then marched through the city.

Dozens of marchers carried flaming torches and loudspeakers blared music by Richard Wagner, Hitler's favorite composer. Banners described the attack as a "bomb Holocaust" and said, "The day of revenge will come"

At least 4,500 people demonstrated against the far right, and police were out in force to keep the two sides apart. At dusk, residents in the old town lit 4,000 candles that were arranged to spell "This city is sick of neo-Nazis" in German.

Evening ceremonies, including a memorial service, centered on the Frauenkirche, or Church of Our Lady. It was wrecked in the bombing and left in ruins by communist East Germany as an anti-war memorial, but has been lavishly rebuilt since Germany's 1990 reunification.

Dresden's destruction by three waves of British and U.S. bombers resonates in Germany particularly deeply, in part because of the city's history as a cultural center—"one of Europe's most beautiful cities," Schroeder said.

The chancellor called the 60th anniversary an occasion for people everywhere to unite against the "inhumanity of war."

### Dresden, symbol of war's horror

The Allied bombing of Dresden, Germany, remains a symbol of war's horror on its 60th anniver-





SOURCES: U.S. Air Force: ESRI

"The idea today is reconciliation," said Dresden retiree Wolfgang Herrmann, who witnessed the bombing as a 5-year-old boy. "War is war, and I think these

"War is war, and I think these comparisons of numbers (of victims) is pointless."

But the National Democratic Party, known by its German initials NPD, has caused widespread consternation with its heightened public presence and rhetoric in recent months.

The party's national leader expressed admiration for Hitler in a weekend newspaper interview.

The German government failed in 2003 to have the party outlawed by the country's supreme court, and politicians are now debating whether to make another

Schroeder's government plans to introduce legislation next week aimed at making it easier to ban far-right marches and rallies at historically sensitive sites, such as Germany's new national Holocaust memorial in Berlin and former concentration camps.

#### Fire engulfs Madrid's tallest building

MADRID, Spain — Madrid's worst fire in memory blazed in one of the city's tallest office buildings Sunday, orange flames bursting through charred windows more than 13 hours after it began.

"This is the biggest fire ... this city has ever had," Mayor Alberto Ruiz-Gallardon told reporters at a downtown intersection in front of the blackened bulk of twisted wreekene

downtown intersection in front of the blackened hulk of twisted wreckage.

The 32-story Windsor Building in Madrid's business and banking district was virtually empty when the first alarm went off on Saturday night at 11:20 p.m. There were no fatalities, and only one of the

seven firefighters who suffered smoke inhalation remained hospitalized Sunday, he said. The cause of the fire was not immediately deter-

Firefighters were still unable to enter the building on Sunday afternoon because of the heat, smoke and risk of injury. At their peak, temperatures reached 1,472 Fahrenheit, said Javier Sanz, head of Madrid's firefighters.

#### Serbian president visits Kosovo

SILOVO, Serbia-Montenegro — Serbian President Boris Tadic began his tour of Kosovo on Sunday by reasserting his country's claim over the southern province that has been an international protectorate for more than five years.

"This is Serbia!" Tadic said, immediately upon arriving in the Serb-populated village of Silovo, in the ethnic Albanian-dominated province.

He was greeted by several hundred locals living in one of the besieged Serb enclaves under the protection of NATO peace troops and governed by a U.N. mission. The mission was established in Kosovo in 1999 when a war between Serbian troops and

ethnic Albanian separatists ended with NATO bombing of Serb targets.

About 100,000 Serbs now remain in Kosovo, about one-third of their prewar population here, and face occasional attacks and harassment by ethnic Albanian

#### Pope returns to pulpit at Vatican

VATICAN CITY — Returning to the world's most storied pulpit for the first time since his health crisis, Pope John Paul II addressed a sea of worshippers Sunday from his studio in St. Peter's Square and gave with his presence what no cardinal's words could deliver: a strong assurance that he's on the rebound.

An aide delivered most of the message, but at the very end the pope's voice rang out clearly — "Happy Sunday to everybody. Thank you."

The 84-year-old pontiff looked alert as he waved to the crowd with a trembling hand. He gave a brief greeting before Argentine Archbishop Leonardo Sandri carried on with the message. Thousands of pilgrims broke into applause and some shouted "Viva il Papa" — Long live the pope.

#### Ouakes rattle tsunami-hit Indonesia

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Two aftershocks from the massive earthquake that triggered Asia's tsunami rattled the Indonesian province of Aceh early Sunday, as British forces providing relief prepared to leave the disaster zone.

There were no reports of damage from the temblors, which struck about an hour apart and shook buildings in the provincial capital.

One of the underwater quakes had a magnitude of 5.6, according to U.S. Geological Survey, which had no immediate details about the second.

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Filipino couples kiss simultaneously along a Manila bayside boulevard during a pre-Valentine kissing festival that organizers hope will spur a million couples to lock lips nationwide on Feb. 12.

### **Locking lips in Philippines**

#### Filipinos hope for 1 million kisses at Lovapalooza 2

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Thousands of couples got Valentine's Day celebrations going early in the Philippines, locking lips at midnight Saturday in what organizers dubbed "Lovapalooza 2."

The couples, most of them young, kissed simultaneously at 12 o'clock. Cheers erupted from the crowd as fireworks went off over Manila Bay.

More than 5,300 couples had kissed for at least 10 seconds last Valentine's Day in Manila for an event dubbed "Lovapalooza," breaking Chile's record of 4 445 in

the Guinness World Records book.
This year's was aimed at "a million kisses, a million heartbeats, and probably a million people falling in love for the second time

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Unilever Philippines statement one of the event's organizers.

The kissing festival was held simultaneously at midnight in at least four cities nationwide. While large crowds turned out, the figures appeared to be well

below the target.

"We're not beating any record
this time, We're building a tradi-

tion only," said Unilever's Mia Fu-

### Despite ban, Saudis mark Valentine's Day

The Associated Pres

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — The Saudi woman, swathed in black with only her eyes showing, circled a huge, red teddy bear, wondering if the plastic flowers stuck in the crook of its arm were too tacky.

She wanted this Valentine's Day to be perfect. She ordered 100 red roses to be delivered to her husband of a few weeks, bought him the largest-size bar of his favorite chocolate and planned to surprise him with a dinner party at her parents' house.

But there was one hitch: She had made the plans for Feb. 12, thinking that was the day the rest of the world marked Valentine's.

Her confusion was not a surprise in a country where Valentine's Day is prohibited and religious authorities confiscate red items from gift stores and call the occasion a Christian celebration true Muslims should shun.

The kingdom's attitude toward Valentine's Day is in line with the strict school of Islam followed by the kingdom for a century.

Like Valentine's Day, all Christian and even most Muslim feasts are banned in the kingdom, the birthplace of Islam, because they're considered an unorthodox creation Islam doesn't sanction.

Feb. 14, making the rounds of gift and flower shops. As Feb. 14 approaches, the flush of red fades. Every heart, every rose and every item that's red or that suggests love and romance descends underground, to the black market, where its price triples and

for couples to be together on Valentine's or any other day because

of strict segregation of the sexes.

Dating consists of long phone con-

versations and the rare tryst.

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Despite the restrictions, Valentine's Day has caught on, partly due to satellite TV, where the occasion, like other holidays, is worked into the course of a se-

In most cases, the gifts are not presented on Valentine's Day. A woman may not get permission from her parents to go out that night, and stores don't want to be saddled with the incriminating items when the muttawa begin making their rounds.

Shops either deliver the gifts or call recipients a few days early and ask them to pick up their pre-



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#### IN THE STATES

### **U.S.** drones keep secret watch over Iran

BY DAFNA LINZER

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has been flying surveillance drones over Iran for nearly a year to seek evidence of nuclear weapons programs and detect weaknesses in air defenses, according to three U.S. officials with detailed knowledge of the secret effort.

The small, pilotless planes, penetrating Iranian airspace from U.S. military facilities in Iraq, use radar, video, still photography and air filters designed to pick up traces of nuclear activity to gath-

er information that is not accessible to satellites, the officials said.

The aerial espionage is standard in military preparations for an eventual air attack and is also employed as a tool for intimida-

tion.

The Iranian government, using Swiss channels in the absence of diplomatic relations with Washington, formally protested the illegal incursions, according to Iranian. European and U.S. officials.

A U.S. official acknowledged that drones were being used but said the Iranian complaint focused on aircraft overflights by the Pentagon. The United States, the official said, replied with a denial that manned U.S. aircraft had crossed Iran's borders. The drones were first spotted by dozens of Iranians and set off a national newspaper frenzy in late December over whether the country was being visited by UFOs.

The maneuvers have been conducted as the Bush administration sharpens its anti-Tran rhetoric and the U.S. intelligence community searches for information to support President Bush's claim that Tehran is trying to build nuclear weapons. Bush's senior advisers, including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, said last week that a U.S. attack on Iran is not imminent but that the option remains available.

The Washington Post reported current and the intelligence community is conducting a broad review of its Iran assessments, including a new look at information about the country's nuclear program, according to administration officials and congressional sources.

In late December, Iranians living along the Caspian Sea and on the Iraq border began reporting sightings of red flashes in the sky, streaks of green and blue and low, racing lights that disappeared moments after being spotted. The mystery was laid to rest by Iranian air force commanders, some of whom were trained more than 25 years ago in the United States and are familiar with U.S. tactics.

The U.S. National Security Agency, which conducts and manages overseas eavesdropping operations, said it had no information to provide on the reconnaissance missions over Iran.

Staff writer Glenn Kessler contributed to this report.

#### Mass. doctors also report drug-resistant HIV

The Accordated Pro

BOSTON — Massachusetts doctors have treated several HIV patients with a resistance to some of the most commonly prescribed treatments, raising further concerns about a possible new, drug-resistant strain of the virus.

The patients' resistance to drug treatment is similar to a New York City case that has sparked widespread concern among pubc health experts, the Boston Herld reported.

Dr. Gregory Robbins, an infectious-disease expert at Massachusetts General Hospital, said doctors there have treated several HIV patients in recent years with early resistance to two of the four druss most commonly prescribed.

"There is global concern that there may be an increasing amount of patients who have a resistant virus," Robbins said. In the New York case, an unidentified man in his mid-40s was diagnosed with a rare strain of HIV in December. He showed an immediate resistance to three classes of HIV drugs, and his infection progressed to AIDS within three months. Drug resistance is increasingly common among HIV-positive people, but not with such a fast progression to AIDS, said Ron Valar Control and Prevention.



AP

Sarah Scantlin, left, looks up at her mother Betsy Scantlin during a reception for Sarah at Golden Plains Health Care Center in Hutchinson, Kan., Saturday. Sarah, unable to talk since she was hit by a drunken driver 20 years ago, has begun to regain her memory and form words.

### Accident victim speaks after 2 decades of silence

The Associated Press

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — For 20 years, Sarah Scantlin has been mostly oblivious to the world around her — the victim of a drunken driver who struck her down as she walked to her car. Today, after a remarkable recovery, she can talk again.

Scantlin's father knows she will never fully recover, but her newfound ability to speak and her returning memories have given him his daughter back. For years, she could only blink her eyes one blink for "no," two blinks for "yes" — to respond to questions that no one knew for sure she understood.

"I am astonished how primal communication is. It is a key element of humanity," Jim Scantlin said, blinking back tears.

Sarah Scantlin was an 18-year-old college freshman of Sept. 22, 1984, when she was hit by a drunken driver as she walked to her car after celebrating with friends at a teen club. That week, she had been hired at an upscale clothing store and won a spot on the drill team at Hutchinson Community College.

After two decades of silence, she began talking last month. Doctors are not sure why. Scantlin still suffers constantly

Scantin still suriers constantly from the effects of the accident. She habitually crosses her arms across her chest, her fists clenched under her chin. The driver who struck Scantlin served six months in iail for driv-

served six months in jail for driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident.

Scantlin started talking in mid-January but asked staff members not to tell her parents until Valentine's Day to surprise them, Trammell said. But last week she could not wait any longer to talk to them.

"I didn't think it would ever happen, it had been so long," Betsy Scantlin said.

Scantlin's doctor, Bradley Scheel, said physicians are not sure why she suddenly began talking but believe critical pathways in the brain may have regenerated. "It is extremely unusual to see something like this happen,"

Is she happy she can talk? Yeah," she replied. What does she tell her parents

What does she tell her parents when they leave? "I love you," she said.



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### Valentine's Day acquires political layer



Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and Arkansas first lady Janet Huckabee smile at the Governor's Inaugural Ball in Little Rock, Ark., in 2003. Valentine's Day 2005, the Huckabees plan to renew their wedding vows before hundreds of other couples in a ceremony promoting the state's covenant marriace law.

#### Activists push traditional marriage values on Feb. 14

BY DAVID CRARY

NEW YORK — Chocolates and flowers still abound, but Valentine's Day is acquiring a new, politically represented by the state of the heart — advocating abstinence, decrying divorce, rallying nationwide to demand gay matriage.

Across the country, teens from hundreds of schools and youth groups will make chastity pledges Monday on the "Day of Purity" —

organized by the Liberty Counsel, a Florida-based conservative

legal group.

In Arkansas, Gov. Mike Huckaeand his wife, Janet, will renew their wedding vows in the presence of hundreds of other couples at a ceremony promoting the state's covenant marriage law — a voluntary system that makes divorce harder to obtain. "The nation will be watching as we take a stand for marriage," the Huckabees' invitation says.

And at statehouses, courthouses and city halls nationwide, gay-rights supporters will be rallying in support of gay marriage as Valentine's Day serves as the

centerpiece of Freedom to Marry Week. Similar observances have occurred annually since 1998, but this year the mood is more combative as state after state moves to entrench bans on gay marriage in their constitutions.

Last year, 13 states enacted constitutional bans on gay marriage, seeking to thwart any ripple effect from court rulings like the one that legalized same-sex marriages in Massachusetts.

Legislatures in at least a half-dozen more states are considering similar bans this year; Kansas lawmakers already have placed such a ban on the ballot for a statewide vote April 5.

"We are at a moment of peril right now where our opponents are able to stampede people into adopting these discriminatory amendments, depriving them of the time to take a deep breath and embrace fairness." Wolfson said.

Monday's events include rallies for gay marriage in Milwaukee, Portland, Ore. and Tampa, Fla., and at the statehouses in Maryaland, New Mexico and Washington state. In Richmond, Va., gay and lesbian couples plan to apply for marriage licenses at City Hall, then be united in ceremonies performed by a minister from the

Metropolitan Community Church. Same-sex couples in California plan to request marriage licenses from their county clerk's office.

A very different crowd is expected Monday evening at a North Little Rock arena for the marriage celebration in Arkansas — where voters overwhelmingly approved a gay-marriage ban last

year.
"This fun-filled, romantic evening will encourage and equip you as a couple to go the distance," said the Huckabees' invitation.

The governor, in a telephone interview, said he wants to make more Arkansans aware of covenant marriage — an option in which couples pledge to go through lengthy counseling before any divorce, unless there is a dramatic factor such as physical abuse.

"We're trying to combat the idea that covenant marriage is some kind of holier-than-thou religious act," Huckabee said. "It's an admission on our part that keeping a marriage together is very hard work; it's a commitment that if the marriage hits a crisis, we'll see counselors before we see lawyers — and see if we can work it out."

### Postmarked Valentine, Neb.

BY CHUCK BROWN The Associated Press

Valentine's Day is a big deal in Valentine, Neb.

From placing a Valentine postmark on thousands of pieces of mail and hosting extra weddings to offering heart-shaped steaks, this city of 2,900 people goes all-out for the lovers' holi-

day... "We do it up pretty big," said Chamber of Commerce director Dean Jacobs. "We definitely, definitely associate ourselves with Valentine's Day. Other people associate us with it, too."

The chamber runs a mail redirecting program called Cupid's Mailbox. Employees stamp thousands of letters and packages with Valentine greetings and put them back in the mail so they carry the Valentine postmark. "We do buckets of them," Jacobs said. During the week before Valentine's Day,

During the week before Valentine's Day, the local post office processes roughly 15,000 extra pieces of mail — double what it handles in a normal week.

Couples looking to get married on Valentine's Day also make their way to Nebraska's "Heart City." The district court's clerk magistrate is scheduled to conduct six weddings on Monday.



Dedee Markus hand cancels letter at the Valentine, Neb., post office on Friday. The post office receives thousands of Valentine's every year and postmarks them with a heart.

### Love connection?

#### Business for online matchmakers slows down

BY MIKE MUSGROVE AND FRANK AHRENS

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Hopeful singles still flock to online dating services such as Match.com, owned by InterActiveCorp — the company reported a 9 percent increase in paid subscribers in the third quarter of last year, compared with the same period of 2003.

But the business appears to be cooling off. Revenue for the personals division in the third quarter of 2004 was up 3 percent, to \$49.7 million, compared with the same period of 2003, but operating income was off 37 percent, at \$2.8 million. The company blamed the drop on higher marketing tract customers, which are expected to continue. It said.

As a business, Match.com, the largest of the online dating sites, is dwarfed by InterActiveCorp's other ventures, such as its travel Web site, Expedia.com, which booked \$570.5 million in third-quarter revenue. Chairman Barry Diller, a Washington Post Co. director, said his company

plans to spin off its travel businesses

later this year.
Jupiter Research, which focuses on Internet analysis, forecasts that the online dating market will increase 9 percent in 2005 to \$516 million, a dramatic, if inevitable, falloff from the heady early days when the industry was new and reported growth rates of 70 per

cent or 80 percent each year.

January and February are the busy time of year for dating sites.

Match.com LP spokeswoman Kristen Kelly said that this month, roughly 50,000 people have been registering at the Web site every day.

the Web site every day.
"We call it the New Year's resolution phenomenon," she said.

For online matchmakers, there's more competition than ever, and growth might depend on sites slicing off market share from their rivals. Other, more specialized Web sites have attracted singles looking for a more defined dating pool, such as JDate.com, which bills itself as "The Largest Jewish Singles Network." An origine out how to get into this busi-



### Calif. mayor urges support of gay marriage

By LISA LEFE The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Marking "It is no longer acceptable for the anniversary of his decision to politicians to come to you every sanction same-sex marriages. election cycle and ask for money Mayor Gavin Newsom on Saturand then say, 'It's too much, too day urged gay couples to back politicians who support gay margay and lesbian supporters durriage, saying it is time "to hold ing a ceremony to remember the our elected officials accountanniversary of last year's "Winter of Love," the four-week period able

Marks anniversary of decision to OK same-sex weddings

when his administration granted marriage licenses to same-sex counles The licenses were later voided " Newsom told about 3.000 by the California Supreme Court. which ruled that Newsom had

overstepped his authority.

A ruling is expected any day on a pair of lawsuits filed by the city

and same-sex couples that seek to overturn California's marriage laws

"He is a hero, especially to be a straight man and to stand up for our rights when he doesn't have said

Beth McLaughlin, 40, who married her partner last year.

Although couple was about to leave on an anniversary cruise Mexico. McLaughlin



said they did not hesitate to drive nearly 100 miles to hear the mayor speak at City Hall

"For him to back us has been awesome, and he has stuck his head out on the chopping block quite a few times." McLaughlin said.

The 37-year-old Democrat is blamed for feeding a conservative rush to the polls in November, when 11 states passed anti-gay marriage amendments. Gay marriage opponents have taken steps to do the same in another 17 states, according to the

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"I've never felt a greater sense of purpose - but beyond any thing else, an obligation to finish this job," he said. "We will not

back up. I have no regrets." His "too much, too soon" remarks appeared aimed at Sen. Di-

anne Feinstein, D-Calif. The former San Francisco mayor has said Newsom's decision to let gay couples marry played a role in President Bush's re-election and that the gay marriage issue "has been too much, too fast, too soon.'

He has recently criticized fellow Democrats for not taking a bolder stance on gay marriage and chastised New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg for verbally supporting gay marriage while challenging a February ruling that New York's ban on gay marriage is unconstitutional

Standing on the grand marble staircase where many of the same-sex weddings took place, Newsom saved his sharpest rhetoric for Bush, who has endorsed amending the U.S. Constitution to han gay marriage.

'Don't give up the fight. Don't feel discouraged. Don't listen to the president of the United States," Newsom said to thunderous cheers before leading the crowd in a chant of "Shame on vou. George Bush.

#### Head of oil-for-food said to have blocked audit

NEW YORK — The U.N. oil-for-food program chief, under scrutiny for alleged corruption and mismanagement, blocked a proposed audit of his office around the same time he was accused of soliciting lucra-

tive oil deals from Iraq, according to investigators. A U.N. auditing team, which was severely understaffed, said running the \$64 billion oil-for-food program was "a high risk activity" and a priority for review. But Benon Sevan denied the internal auditors' request to hire a consultant to examine his office in May 2001 - an act top investigators of the program are now calling into question.

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"I think the auditors thought they were steered away from some areas," Paul Volcker, who's leading the independent probe, said. "Our judgment is that the main office should have been audited. And that leaves the inference that perhaps the auditors were not encouraged to do the work. I think we draw the inference that it was at least suspi-

#### Funding for King national memorial moving slow

WASHINGTON - Backers of a memorial on the Washington Mall to civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. say they are on track to complete the project despite raising just one-sixth of their fund-raising goal during the past year.

Harry E. Johnson Sr., the St. Louis native who is president of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, told the Post-Dispatch last February that the foundation would raise \$30 million during calendar 2004. Foundation records show donations since have totaled just \$5.5 mil-

lion. The foundation has raised \$34.5 million total, since Congress authorized the project in 1996. Under the initial legislation, the foundation was given seven years to raise \$67 million, at which point ground-breaking could begin on what would be the last major memorial on the Mall

#### In video, bus driver urged students to act up

BUENA VISTA, Pa. — A school bus driver encouraged students to jump around, throw things and misbehave on her moving bus so she could make an audition videotape for the reality television show "Survi-

Maureen Monaghan was charged with recklessly endangering children after allegedly urging 10 students to act up on her bus for the video, which she hoped would earn her a spot on the CBS show.

A separate camera on the inside of the bus recorded the Jan. 6 incident, and the bus company gave the footage to police.

"She encouraged the children to be disorderly on the bus while it

was moving," Elizabeth Township police Chief Robert Wallace said. "In viewing the tape, there was so much commotion going on, we felt it was a very unsafe situation for her to allow this to happen. From The Associated Press

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#### This portrait likely fell off of a truck in Iraq. Owner of portrait sought

I work in the Mayor's Cell at Camp Taji, Iran I am a civilian contractor working for Readiness Management Services. We had a portrait of a young girl turned

in to us here at the Mayor's Cell and we were told that it had fallen off of a truck in a convoy. It is an absolutely beautiful portrait of a young girl and I would hate for it not to get back into the hands of her parent

I am writing to ask you if you will put a photo of this portrait in your publication to see if we can locate the rightful owners of this portrait. I would be willing to pay for shipping this portrait to wherever it should go

Barbara Goodwin Camp Taji, Iraq

#### Theater's kind acts appreciated

I am writing not to complain but to give praise, and a long-overdue "thank you, the people of the Roadside Theater. Everyone involved with the theater possesse not only an incredible amount of talent but enormous hearts with an amazing capacity for love and compassion.

I am a military spouse of a servicemem ber stationed in Mannheim, Germany. I stumbled upon the Roadside Theater purely by accident when I went to its Web site and found out about a free Shakespeare workshop. I have since come to feel that this was no mere chance - that God was trying to give me a gift.

I recently suffered a loss. My mother, who was staying with my family on an extended visit in Germany became gravely ill in early December and had to be hospitalized. During her visit, she had become a regular patron at the Roadside Theater.

When tragedy hit, the Roadside Family immediately rushed in to help. First by sending love, warm wishes, offers of support and flowers when Mom was hospitalized. Then by rushing in to help my immediate family in any way possible when she passed on.

I was helped, by my Roadside family, through the morass of paperwork that had

to be filed with both the American side and the German side. I also thank the two gentlemen in charge of the Landstuhl military hospital mortuary and Doris Ferrand with the U.S. consulate general in Frankfurt. I was further helped by my Roadside family through the difficulty of organizing a memorial service — where many came not only to give comfort but also to say prayers, give praise and perform songs that my mother loved

I will never forget the love, the kindness, and the compassion everyone has given to my family and me. Constance Howard

Mannheim, Germany

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### A contemptible professor's protections

t's impossible to feel sympathy for a character as vicious and stupid as Ward Churchill, so we won't bother trying. The University of Colorado professor was invited to speak at Hamilton College in unstate New York - until some one found an article he had written claiming that the people killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks richly deserved their fate.

Churchill compared the victims to Adolph Eichmann, one of the Nazis chiefly responsible for the Holocaust, because their work supposedly helped finance America's alleged atrocities abroad. They failed to grasp their complicity, he insisted, "because they were too busy braving, incessantly and self-importantly, into their cell phones, arranging power lunches and stock transactions," heedless of "the starved and rotting flesh of infants."

Of course, that lunatic description hardly applies to the flight attendants, firefighters, busboys, secretaries and janitors killed in the terrorist attacks. And if you can argue that stockbrokers contribute to and profit from America's alleged crimes abroad, you could say the same thing about university professors. Does that mean they deserve killing? The college president, in the face of an avalanche of complaints, insisted on honoring the invitation but gave up when threats of violence became too great. Those who issued the invitation say they didn't know about the article when they invited Churchill, who teaches ethnic studies, to



faulted for deciding not to furnish a forum someone with such vile opinions. A nrivate institution such as Hamilton has every right to choose not to inconvenience itself for the sake of someone whose views

In light of the new

it finds contemptible.

But it's worth remembering that the First Amendment's free-speech guarantee is not about protecting the expression of popular ideas — it's about permitting unpopular, infuriating and even thoroughly despicable ideas. Those, after all, are the ones most likely to be suppressed if the majority had its way.

That point apparently escapes some poli-ticians back in Colorado, who were not happy to find the state has been paying the salary of someone with these views Gov Bill Owens has urged the University of Colorado to fire Churchill, who already has given up his job as chairman of the ethnic studies department. State Sen. Tom Wiens objected to having "someone on our state payroll who believes" what Churchill

But repellent though Churchill's views are, they should not be grounds for firing a university professor. The spirit of academic freedom requires ample space for scholars to entertain and advocate controversial and even outrageous ideas. Unless the pro-fessor has failed to fulfill his obligations as a teacher and scholar, he should be retained in his post, regardless of his personal opinions.

The state doesn't have to operate a university but, if it does, it can't punish or re-ward academics according to the acceptability of their political views.

That is not easy to stomach when the views are as vile as these. But as state Sen. Peter Groff said, "Democracy and free-dom are hard work."

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

#### Doonesbury







Jay Ambrose

#### OPINION

### Despite knocks, Bush headed for greatness

front page showed the Israeli prime minister and Palestine's new president shaking hands. Not so long before that, a front-page photo

showed an Iraqi woman proudly holding up purple-dabbed finger as a

sign that she had voted in a national election. Consider these photos and the extraordinary events underlying them, throw in a mighty effort to reform

a key domestic program and still other ini tiatives, and you find more than a hint of the direction in which

George W. Bush's presidency may be head-

I am already putting my hands over my head for protection as the brickbats come my way, the screams of outrage, the allegations that I am in the pay of the administration or that I am a fool or a knave or both The Bush haters - those who send me e-mails, certainly, and not just a few professional commentators, leftist academics, Hollywood ninnies and Democratic politicians see the man as the most incompetent, ignorant and deceitful president of the past century and more. I am suggesting that he could be among the most beneficially significant in the past century or more.

The Bush administration, which had sup ported Mahmoud Abbas in the extraordi nary and historic Palestinian election for president, also helped bring about the summit in Egypt at which Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon agreed to halt

hostilities and reached across a table to grasp each other's hand. Photographers captured the moment that could lead to some thing lasting - peace, relief of Palestinian misery, diminished Arab anger and enhanced security for Israel

It won't be done without White House involvement that's already been promised but if it is done, Bush will have accomplished what Richard Nixon failed to do, what Gerald Ford failed to do, what Jimmy Carter failed to do, what Ronald Reagan failed to do, what an earlier George Bush failed to do and what Bill Clinton failed to do. They all

Israeli-Palestinian peace would be major step toward transforming the Middle East from a breeding ground of Islamic-fascist terrorism to something that ceases to threaten the future of civilization and makes it possible for people to live rich, rewarding lives instead of simply enduring oppression

Another major step is the democratization of Iraq. On both left and right, critics have said this ambition is either gross stupidity or an idealism contrived to hide lies about why our military is really, truly in Iraq.

Stupidity, indeed. The Iraqi election was one of the most heartwarming world events I can remember in years. At the risk of death, people voted, and then they danced en they held aloft those fingers colored to demonstrate they had voted while cameras recorded their pride. It was then impossible to believe Bush wrong when he had said that the call of liberty is universal.

No one, of course, is silly enough to pretend that changing the Middle East is a given or will be easy or that there aren't contrary horrors that could also transpire, but Bush's actions have made it possible that the Middle East could bloom into something



marvelously humane and free.

Bush is aiming at fundamental change domestically, too. Prime example: He is now pushing for reform of Social Security even at the risk of political ruination. This is the same risk that has caused and is causing innumerable politicians to retreat into irresponsibility and falsehood, even while most truly reflective and knowledgeable observers know that if we don't begin to deal soon with the profound consequences of baby boomers growing old, we will have paved the way for the worst sort of social and economic disruption in the decades ahead

Winning the Cold War may not have been more important than what Bush is seeking in the Middle East, and reforming Social Security matters as much as the enactment of virtually any domestic program in the past quarter of a century. Maybe Bush won't reach his goals but, if he does, it will be hard to dismiss the greatness of this administration, no matter how much the very idea rankles those who cannot stand this determined and able president.

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#### TV programs doom U.S. abstinence-only programs ■ Policy-makers should urge the Federal

BY BRONWYN MAYDEN

he Bush administration appears to be throwing good money after bad in funding for abstinence-only programs nationwide

Studies of the effectiveness of abstinence-only education show that the courses do not appear to decrease teen pregnancy or the risk of sexually transmitted diseases Yet the government has increased funding for these programs by more than 50 percent since 2001, spending about \$170 million over that time

Eleven of 13 federally funded abstinence-only programs conducted in commu-nities and schools in 25 states provide adolescents with false and misleading information about reproductive health, a report says.

The report, released in December by

Democratic Rep. Henry A. Waxman of Cali fornia, finds that more than two-thirds of these programs rely on curricula that distort information about the effectiveness of contraceptives, misrepresent the risks of abortion, blur religion and science, treat stereo types about girls and boys as scientific fact and contain basic scientific errors. Eleven curricula are used in 25 states, including health departments, school districts and hos

While members of Congress and the advo cacy community debate the merits of absti nence-only curricula, this debate must be placed within the context of teenagers' lives While the typical teen may have a class unit on sex education, that's a fraction of time compared with how much teens spend consuming various forms of media.

Recent studies reveal that teens spend an average of six to seven hours a day with some form of media, including TV, radio, the Internet, magazines and CDs. These provide cues of conduct that shape male-female interactions, often without showing negative consequences of sexual activity. A Rand Corn, study released in Sentem-

ber concluded that watching sex on TV predicts and may hasten adolescent sexual initiation. It said there were "substantial associations between the sexual content viewed by teens and advances in their sexual behavior during the subsequent year." In other words, young teens begin to take on the sexual behavior of older teens and, consequently, are inclined to be sexually active earlier.

The bottom line is that teens learn about sexuality from the mass media. Two-thirds of children ages 8 to 18 have a television in their bedrooms, and many have access to cable. Teens who watch three to five hours of television a day witness about 2,000 sex acts per year - including implied intercourse embracing kissing and fondling

sues of abstinence-only education, our vouths are tuning in to TV programs such as The OC" and "Desperate Housewives" to learn about relationships. Whether it is sexual exploration for younger adolescents or forming romantic attachments for older adolescents, the media are setting the agenda.

Because this is such a broad issue, there must be multiple strategies to deal with sex and the media. What to do

■ Parents can watch TV with their children to help them interpret what they are seeing as well as limit the amount of time spent watching. ■ Policy-makers can support the Broad

cast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004. which greatly increases fines on broadcast ers for allowing obscene, indecent and profane language on the air

Communications Commission to establish content standards to limit the amount of vioin programming ■ Educators need to better understand

the media and materials that youths are

Unfortunately, what's missing from the media's current sexual scripts is anything having to do with the possible negative consequences of sexual activity or ways to pre-vent negative outcomes, so it is unlikely that protective behavior could be imitated. Content analyses suggest that audiences are most likely to learn that sex is consequence-free, rarely planned and more a matter of lust than love

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#### Mallard Fillmore

By BRUCE TINSLEY



#### Smoking ban sought

HONOLULU — Visitors flock to Hawaii's shores to snorkel, surf and sink their feet into the unblemished white sands of the state's beaches. But camouflaged among the coast's glassy granules lies a hidden peril seemingly indestructible cigasemingly indestructible

rette butts cast away by smokers. In a state where every beach is public, it is possible to light up in the sand outside the toniest oceanfront homes.

Front nomes.

State lawmakers want that to stop. Under a bill before the Legis-lature, smoking would be banned on public beaches and parks, and cigarette butts would have to be tossed only into designated trash bins. Violators could be fined \$750.

Hawaii would be the first state to have such a law on its books.

#### Nanny pleads guilty

NY EASTCHESTER — A nanny who left a 1-year-old child home alone while she went Christmas shopping pleaded guilty to endangering a child.

Victoria Braithwaite, 27, was promised a sentence of three years probation and agreed to stay away from the little girl's family. Sentencing is in June.

Charges of reckless endangerment and using the family's Mercedes-Benz without permission were dropped as part of the agreement

Braithwaite, of Bronxville, was arrested Dec. 15 when she returned from her shopping trip to the home in Eastchester, where she had left the toddler sleeping. The girl's mother had come home unexpectedly and found her daughter in the crib — unharmed — and the nanny missing.

#### Teacher sentenced

VA CHESAPEAKE—A teacher received a six-month jail sentence and \$2,500 fine for punching a student in the face during a lunchroom confrontation.

Kevin J. Murphy, 46, will appeal his conviction and sentence, his attorney said.

Testimony showed that on Dec. 14, one of Murphy's eighth-grade math students was in the lunch line talking with friends, and "patted" a girl on the head. The boy denied that he struck her.

Five times the teacher commanded the boy to go to the office, and the student refused each time. Murphy grew louder and closer, until the two were jawing at each other from mere inches, teacher John P. Cavanaugh said.

The disagreement ultimately got physical and Murphy punched the student in the cheek and mouth, cutting him and breaking a tooth in half, and then tackled him onto a table, according to testimony.

#### Robbery suspect caught

TX EULESS — A robbery suspect was caught after leaving his wallet on the store counter—and then going to the police station to pick it up, police said.

Joseph Fahnbulleh, 22, of Arlington, remained in the Eules City Jail with bail set at \$30,000. He faces a robbery charge.

A few days after the robbery,



he walked into the Euless police station to pick up his wallet after a detective called to tell him someone had found it.

"Once we had the wallet, we called him to say it had been turned in to our lost and found," Euless police Detective Marco Valladares said. "We don't really have one."

#### Opera house deal

SD LEAD — A historical society has reached a deal to buy an opera house complex that was built by a mining company more than 90 years ago but nearly destroyed in a 1984 fire.

The Historic Homestake Opera House Society will buy the theater and a retail area from Jerikodie Inc., which had been working with the society on the theater renovations, society President Jacque Fuller said.

The society, created in 1997 to develop the restoration plan and organize programming at the theater, decided it needed to own the building itself to make fund-rais-

ing easier.

Construction on the theater is about a third complete.

#### Court strikes down ban

OLYMPIA — The Washington Supreme Count struck down the Tacoma-Pierce County smoking ban. The ruling upheld a lower court decision that found the ban conflicted with state law. The county ban covered bars, taverns, restaurants, bowling alleys, mini-casinos, how



What's for dessert?

Eric Shepherd sinks his teeth into

Eric Shepherd sinks his teeth into The Hamdog at Mulligan's in Atlanta. The dish is a hot dog wrapped in a beef patty that's deep fried, covered with chili, cheese and onions and served in a hoagie bun. It's also topped with a fried egg and two fistfuls of fries. tels, private clubs and most other non-tribal businesses. The state's ban prohibits smoking in most public places, but exempts restaurants, bars, bowling alleys and casinos.

#### Suspect busted

NM ALBUQUERQUE — Police got the drop on a drug suspect when the man dropped his stash wrapped in cash.

Hugo Suso-Dominguez, 23, was in line at a convenience store in front of two plainclothes officers when he dropped a dollar bill folded into a pouch, police said. The officers, who had stopped at the store to get food while on a surveil-lance operation, recognized the pouch as a method of holding drugs.

One officer picked up the dollar, unfolded it and found white powder, which later tested positive for cocaine, according to a criminal complaint.

"Hugo looked back at us and the dollar bill, which was now open displaying the suspected cocaine. Hugo laughed and stated, 'That is mine' (in Spanish)," Detective Thomas Gutierrez said.

#### Candy-like cigarettes

ST. PAUL — Cigarettes infused with lime, vanilla, better forther conformation of the sould be public and fall and the sould be public and fall and the sould be public and the sould be public beat the tobacco industry of marketing the specialty products to teens. Public health officials in Massachusetts and Michigan have asked cigarette makers to halt sales of the flavored cigarettes.

#### Fatal ski accident

LUDLOW — A 10-year-old Springfield boy died when he veered off a trail at Okemo Mountain Resort during a school-sponsored trip.

Trevor Suong of Springfield died after he went off the Rimrock trail and struck a snowmaking machine while skiing with his classmates from Park Street School, according to the Ludlow Police Department.

He suffered blunt trauma to the head, chest and stomach and died shortly after being airlifted to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., police said.

#### Drunk birds crash, die

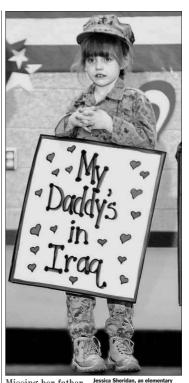
COLUMBIA — Dozens of birds got drunk from eating holly berries, then crashed into the glass of an office building and died.

"It was like an Alfred Hitchcock movie," worker Denise Wilkinson said. "It was spooky. You could hear them where they flew into the glass." Warm weather and an ample

supply of berries attracted hundreds of cedar waxwings into the enclosed courtyard of the three-story building.

The birds began getting drunk on the fermented berries. They got so loopy that some were falling off branches and others were slamming into the glass walls that enclose the courtyard, said Burgess Mills, the building's owner.

About half of the 100 birds that slammed into the building died, workers said.



Missing her father Jessica Sheridan, an elementary stands on stage in the school auditorium with a sign telling all attending the Valentines For Vets ceremony that her dad nown't be home for Valentine's Day this year. Jessica and classmate Alexis Wright both have fathers serving in Iraq who were recognized during the ceremony.



That's a nice catch

An adult sparrow hawk, about a field mouse plucked from a field near Elmira, Calif. This member of the North American hawk tamily relies mainly on insects to feed on, while field mice and other rodents amount to only about a quarter of its diet.



 $Snow\ dog \\ Snow\ dog \\ Snow\ a \ Owner\ Michael\ Droege\ describes\ his\ dog\ as\ a\ "snow\ anowner\ Michael\ Droege\ clears\ his\ driveway\ in\ Anchorage,\ Alaska.$ 



Busy bee A honey bee collects pollen from a maple tree bloom in Brunswick County near Wilmington, N.C. The bees collect the pollen and store it in their pollen baskets on their rear legs then take it to the hive.



Matt Wood watches the two-liter bottle rocket creation of Hays High School students climb into the sky during a science

the sky during a science competition outside Tomanek Hall on the Fort Hays State University campus in Hays, Kan



Ride 'em Brenda Noller, left, of Bull Shot Productions takes a picture of Betty Gaston of Edinburg, Texas, riding a stuffed bull at the Two Step Marketplace during the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. The full-body mount bovine is owned by Scot Simmons and Craig Luedke and has been at the Stock Show and Rodeo for at least 15 years.

#### Obesity lawsuits

WY CHEYENNE — On an average day, Bob Tompkins will serve up some 60 pounds of hamburgers and other meat products at the Burger Inn restaurant.

It's enough meat, Tompkins jokes, that "we make our customers run around the store twice before they get their food."

But people suing fast-food establishments for making them fat is no joking matter for Tompkins.

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"The big guys could fight it in court, but it would put little guys like me out of business," he said.

The Wyoming House has passed a bill that would shield restaurants, advertisers, ranchers and others from lawsuits by obese people claiming their weight and health problems were caused by the long-term consumption of food or drink.

Fourteen states have enacted oc-called "common sense consumption" acts, dubbed "cheeseburger bills" by some, that bar people from seeking damages in court from food companies for weight gain and associated medical problems.

#### Rare books stolen

KV LEXINGTON — Three men were arrested for allegedly stealing several rare books from the Transylvania University library, including a first edition of Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, and then attempting to sell them to a New York auction house, authorities said.

Spencer W. Reinhard, a student at Transylvania, and Warren C. Lipka, a student at the University of Kentucky, were charged with violating a federal law that prohibits the transportation of stolen goods and securities. The third suspect, Charles T. Allen II, was to be charged.

Authorities said the books stolen from Transylvania's library on Dec. 17 included a 1859 first edition of "The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection," in which Darwin first discussed his theory of evolution.

#### Mae West ad nixed

AR HOT SPRINGS — The National Park Service has rejected a plan to use Mae West's image on billboards asking tourists to come up and see her sometime in a tower that overlooks the Hot Springs National Park.

The Hot Springs Advertising and Promotion Commission had hoped to use billboards featuring West and gangster Al Capone to promote a historical exhibit in the 216-foot Hot Springs Mountain Tower.

West used to entertain in Hot Springs and Capone once had a hangout in the city.

"It didn't make any sense to have Mae West in a billboard advertising the tower," Park Service Superintendent Josie Fernandez said. "Nobody younger than 30 would know what the heck we're talking about anyway."

#### Mom sentenced

PHOENIX — A woman was sentenced to six years in prison for keeping her 5-vear-old twin boys locked in

filthy makeshift cages.

Etelvina Rodriguez had previously pleaded guilty to two counts
of attempted child abuse.

Police found the boys in August 2003 after their 20-year-old brother told an off-duty officer at a grocery store about the squalid living

conditions.

When police arrived at the

when ponce arrived at the home they found the children inside two cribs that had been sealed with plastic crates. Police said the boys could not speak and were not yet toilet-trained. The twins are now in foster care.

#### Can't eat dogs, cats

for human consumption.

HI HONOLULU — The House Judiciary Committee has approved a bill that would make it a felony to kill, distribute or purchase any dog or cat

The original House bill dealt only with stray or stolen dogs and cats, but the committee added language that included all canines and felines

The bill was introduced by Rep. Glenn Wakai, D-Moanalua Valley-Salt Lake, who said media reports last August about dogs being stolen and slaughtered for meat suggested the beginnings of a "cottage industry" that should be stonped.

Animal Rights Hawaii director Cathy Goeggel said federal officials believe the use of dog meat is a thriving business in Hawaii. There is a public health concern because there is no oversight over the slaughter, packaging or sanitation of cat and dog carcasses, she said

But Rep. Alex Sonson, D-Pearl City-Waipahu, has reservations about the bill.

"It promotes the perpetuation of a stereotype that Filipinos and Koreans eat dog," he said. "If there is a problem, I certainly would like to legislate it, but that's not the issue."

#### Arrest spells trouble

NY NEW YORK — Police in Nassau and Suffolk counties say they were able to tie at least 13 bank robberies to the same man because of the spelling errors in his hold-up notes.

Nassau County Police said Bart Thomas' hold-up notes misspelled the word "robbery" which he spelled "robri" — and the word "quick" — which he spelled "kwik."

Thomas, 43, of Ronkonkoma, was arrested and charged with six counts of robbery and is believed to have been involved in nine more bank robberies in Suffolk County, dating back to March 2003, said Nassau Det. Sgt. Gary

#### Man killed in shootout

MARYSVILLE — A man described as suicidal was shot dead by police after opening fire on them from his porch, which is across the street from a junior high school. Police said the 39-year-old

man, whose identity was not released, shot at officers with a rifle. No officers were injured.

None of the 1,000 students were

rifle. No officers were injured.

None of the 1,000 students were
threatened or harmed.

The standoff began when a

neighbor went to the man's home to borrow a cigarette and reported seeing him with a gun pointed into his mouth, police Cmdr. Ralph Krusey said. School officials were asked to keep the students inside.

# STARS STRIPES.

February 14, 2005



### Valentine MESSAGES



BRENDA LIZ

I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART!!!
YOU ARE THE SUN OF MY DAYS
AND THE MOON OF MY NIGHTS,
I LOVE YOU BEC

EDWARD ENRIQUE, SCHWEINFURT



Deseri

Will you be our Valentine?

Your favorite boys: Eddie, Timothy and Ethan, Sangdahelm AB



Marci

Sam and Marci since 1987 Sam, SHAPE



Huck

I am proud of you and the work you have done, the work you do and what you have yet to accomplish. Our future is waiting. We will have that home soon. I love you! Happy valentines day! Blossom. Mannheim



Eric & Kyle

Happy Valentines Day to my two favorite men! I don't know what I would do without you guys. You are extremely special to me and I love you both with all my heart. Hugs and Kisses xoxo.

Kris, NAS Keflavik, Iceland



Liz, Vincent and Bryce

Thank you for being the best family in the world.
I LOVE YOU!!!

Todd, Ramstein AB



Michael "Snoop" Willingham

To my wonderful and devoted husband: You have brought so much joy into my life and I'm thankful that God led us down this path together as a family. Our love doesn't have any boundaries and I'm blessed to be called your wife. I Love You "INFINITY"!

Your Loving & Devoted Wife-Nancy, Germany/Ramstein



Samantha

Happy Birthday Sammi! You are our favorite valentines day gif!! We are so prou of you, our happy smart, beautiful six year old! We are so thankful to have you in our family! Love you baby gir!

Daddy and Mommy, Mannheim

SFC Donnell L. Hassell, II My Sexy Man... I love you so much! What we have is a love that has

much! What we have is a love that has endured the good and the bad.

SG Kartasha S Hunter, Kitzingen, Germany

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Ok, here we go... Do your ears hang low? Do they wabble to and fro? Can you tie 'em in a knot can you tie 'em in a bow? Can they flap away a frown just by flapping up and down? Do your ears hang low? Happy Valentine's day, Eeyore



#### Cindy

My darling wife, with each passing day I find myself falling in Love with you all over again. You are the Best thing that has or ever will happen to me. I'm the luckiest man in the world and I' m thankful for each moment we spend together.

My Love, My Li Bryan, NAS Sigonella



My Princess, Is this yours? If so, can I keep it? YOU have held mine since the day I first saw you. You have a Your Keifer and Kids. Heidelberg, GE



My mission is to Love you like our God loved the church. You have made life so much better for me. I appreciate everything that you are. You are truly the Best Mother, the Best Wife, the Best Lover, but most of all the Best Friend!

1st Corinth 7:3-5 Troy, Landstuhl/Ramstein



#### My beautiful wife Petra

Thank you for being the most wonderful, loving, most wonderful, loving ind caring woman that man could ever have. I know that I could I know that I could not have made it this far in life without you. I want you to always know that I love you now and forever always. Happy Valentine's Day!!!!!

Your husband Frankie Bamberg, Germany



#### Mrs. Sharon Jones

I do not say it to often, but I love you very much. I hope this day is one of your very best you ever had in your life. God Bless You, LOVE YOU MRS, JONES Your husband, Barry, Wiesbaden



#### Sgt. Douglass, Kenneth A

If U could look into my heart, you'd see all the lovely things U are to me I miss you while we' re a part, but know you' re the wner of my heart. Just in case I haven' t told you so, I luv U baby, me than you'll know HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND VALENTINE!

Hanau. German



#### Guy Parker

shown me the world you have shown me understanding like l have never known before. Thank you for being the mosnderful husband in the world and my very best friend! I love lo love you! SHMILY Happy Valentines Day Shannon, Rhein Main



#### Anna

The best and n autiful things in the world cannot be seen or he felt with the heart

Helen Keller Happy Valentines Day Beauty. You command

fear into my soul; I am truly a blessed man. Jerome, Heidelberg



#### Sweetpea,

For the first time in my life, I am truly happy and it is because of you happiness everyday and I can't imagine my life without you in it. I love you more than anythin and can't wait to star our future together. I love you baby.

Wuerzburg/Leighton Bks



I love you. T, Aviano AB



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Darling, I am so happy we are now together at last after so many years. You make my life better from morning to night. You are the perfect companion for me and you mak my life better. I look vears ahead with you I love you so much.

Charles, Cairo, Egypt



I am so happy with you I would not change a thing -except for not hitting you over the head and keeping you tied up so we would not spend any night apart. WE LOVE YOU!!

Mary Ann & Chris Germany 02-05



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Frank J.,



#### Jonathan Tonk

Here's to looking forward and learning from the past. Whatever God has planned for us together. I am glad we have been brought together, no one else together, no one else would put up with me anyway! thanks for you love and support! Happy Anniversary!

Debra Tonk, ngdahlem, German



#### Yvonne

T VOITHE

To the love of my life.
It has been a very long
year away from you.
I want to tell you
ILOVE YOU and can't
wait to be beside you
once again. You are the
spark that keeps our
flame burning. My Love
for you will never hum. for you will never burn out. My Love Forever

Schatzy, Bamberg, Warner Barracks



#### Yvonne

2 the lur of my life i simply want u 2 know that i will always all ways be your teddy bear, thx 4 always all ways being their 4 me and staving w/me. UR my luv and m life...please always keep a smile on yoour face 4 me. all my luv2u and always all ways

Mark, Heidelberg, Campbell Barracks



#### Major Tawanna McGhee-Thondique

Tawanna, there are no words to discribe the blessings you bring to a relationshin. Because o that I am committed to love, cherish, honor and protect you. I will do this with all of my hear dorifying God. I Love you Omar, Wurzburg



Emily you mean very much too me! I love your tender heart, and the way you care for our children They love you for the love you show them in everything from kissing boo boos to the bedtime story. Thank you for being our valentine sweetie! We love U!

Ron, Gloria & Nathan Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base GE



#### Jesmon Harris

me! You are my heart and so Even though this is our very first valentine together it feels like the hundredth one i love you to death and happy valentine day baby

> Ashley Harris, unholder! Geri



#### Johnny

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Breanna, Braden and Sandy, Hanau/Hanau Army Post

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Prepare yourself and prepare your vehicle for the upcoming winter season. Do get plenty of rest before you head out on the road for your weekend getaway or vacation road trip. Do have a plan and a route (with alternates) before you pile in the car? Do have your vehicle inspected and winterized; check the tires for proper inflation and serviceable condition (including the spare), install new wiper blades, have the radiator fluid checked, ensure all lights are working properly, have all the fluid levels checked, keep an emergency kit in the car.

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13:30	Dragon Tales (EI) Blue's Clues	lor. Gifted pianist David Helfgott			Fox and Friends	()	Strong Medicine "Second				
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16:00	Pokémon Yu-Gi-Oh!	land, Chris O'Donnell.	Mucha Lucha Inner wrestler. Kim Possible (EI)	Late Show With David Letter- man	CNN Live Today	Beyond the Glory Indiana Pacers star Reggie Miller.	Third Watch "After Hours"	Late Show With David Lette			
16:30 17:00	Doug (EI)	Access Hollywood	Jeopardy!	The Late Late Show	1	Sports Center	Law & Order "Turnstile Justice"	The Late Late Show			
17:30	The Wild Thomberrys	1	Headline News								
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20:00	Smallville 'Duplicity'	ing man builds his dream house with his estranged son.	l	Headline News	FOX News	Honolulu, Hawaii.	Law & Order Detectives inves-	Headline News			
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21:00	Boy Meets World	(:15) Movie * "U-Turn" (1997) Sean Penn, Nick Nolte.	l	The Hot List	Studio B With Shepard Smith		Monster House "Tropical House" An island paradise.	The Hot List			
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23:00	Touched by an Angel 'The	Movie *** The Maltese	The Tonight Show With Jay	1	Lester Holt Live	Around the Horn	Seinfeld				
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1:30	Rugrats	Harder They Fall" (1956, Dra- ma) Humphrey Bogart, Rod	World Supercross Grand Prix.	Wheel of Fortune	CBS Evening News	at Syracuse. (Live)	the past haunts Johnny.	Wheel of Fortune			
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5:00 5:30	Sesame Street (EI)	(:15) Movie * "U-Turn" (1997) Sean Penn, Nick Nolte.	Headline News ESPNews	Access Hollywood (:25) Guiding Light	Lou Dobbs Tonight	SportsCenter	Breathingspace Yoga Caribbean Workout	Access Hollywood (:25) Guiding Light			
6:00	Barney & Friends (EI)	A hood becomes involved with	Headline News	(:13) General Hospital	Larry King Live	College Basketball Air Force	Body Shaping	(:13) General Hospital			
6:30	Blue's Clues "Adventure!"	a woman he was hired to kill.	Headline News			at New Mexico. (Live)	TIPical Mary Ellen				
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#### **FACES**

#### 'Medicine Woman' relieves 'alien' status

Actress Jane Seymour waved a small U.S. flag and cheered after she and about 9,000



other immigrants became citizens. The British-born actress, best known for her TV series "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," said she's been living in the United States since 1976

"I've realized that I've been living here longer than in my home country. America has given me unbelievable opportunities," she said, "I realized that with the U.S. elections I wanted to vote, and I couldn't. I felt the time had come to participate more fully

Her sons, 9-year-old twins John and Kristopher, said they were excited to see their mom become a U.S. citizen. "She's not an alien anymore," John said.

#### Cartoonist's fall gets big laughs

Cartoonist Garry Trudeau didn't let a skiing accident - and a broken collar bone - get in the way of a good award

"Doonesbury" creator suffered the mishap on Aspen, Colo.'s ski slopes Thursday, leaving U.S. Comedy
Arts Festival organizers scrambling



work in his injury - with emergency medical technicians carrying him in on a gurney. "He did it lying down, in the gur-ney, it worked out great," said the

event's executive producer Pat Tourk Lee The Freedom of Speech Award ac-

knowledges artists who speak out on social issues despite challenges. Past recipients include Michael Moore, George Carlin and Dick Gregory.

#### Hip-hop queen's logo loses to real queen Missy Elliott's street wear collection hit a snag in Den-

mark — its logo was a bit too similar to that of the country's queen. Clothing maker Adidas-Salomon AG withdrew the line

from Danish stores after the royal court said the logo infringed on Queen Margrethe II's

copyright.
The shoes, bags and shirts in the collection carry a logo that consists of a crown on top of the words "Reand Missy Elliott's initials "M.E." The queen's logo consists of a crown on top of the letters "M-2-R," with the "R" standing for the Latin word for queen, regina

Adidas spokeswoman Margaret Sap said the company agreed to remove the clothing from Danish stores, and that the similarity was a

coincidence. "It came as a surprise to us, the logo merely had the crown to signal that Missy Elliott is the queen of hip-hop," Sap said of the three-time Grammy Award win-

#### Stone teams up to help disaster victims

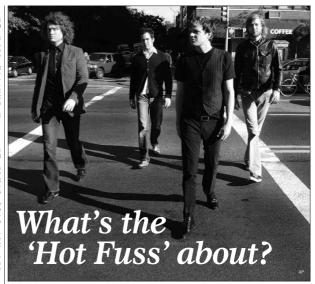
Sharon Stone and Denise Rich are producing a song to benefit victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami disaster in Asia. The "Basic Instinct" actress and the socialite-songwriter are co-writing a single, "Come To-

gether Now," to be sung by a collection of recording artists in the style of the 1985 song "We Are the 1985 song of the 1985 song "We Are the World." which raised funds for Afri-

Aretha Franklin, Lindsay Lohan, Natalie Cole, Wyclef Jean, Peter Gabriel, Patti LaBelle, Lionel Richie, Mya, JoJo, Gavin DeGraw, Brian McKnight, Kelly Price and Paulina Rubio are among those scheduled to participate, it was announced Fri-

At least one other single is in the works to aid the tsunami victims. Sharon Osbourne, wife of rocker Ozzy Osbourne, has gathered Elton John, Rod Stewart, Gwen Stefani and others for a cover of Eric Clapton's "Tears in Heaven

Stories and photos from wire services



#### With Grammy nods and a smash debut album, the Killers cut out own slice of the rock scene

BY CHELSEA J. CARTER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK he Killers' lead singer looks like he stepped out of a 1980s time warp with the eyeliner, the pressed suit and tie and the lipstick, er, lip gloss.

Even the hand's debut album "Hot Fuss" is a bit of a throwback, combining 1980s pop sensibilities with today's rock sound. And that's just the way the band intends it, says frontman Brandon Flowers.

"We see ourselves in the same vein as a lot of bands out there right now. But our goal ... right out of the chute, was to take it to a different level," he said.

"I'm not saying we're going to do it. But that's what re've set out to do."

It's an effort that appears to have helped propel the band up the charts and garnered the quintet three Grammy nominations, including one for rock album and rock song for their danceable hit "Somebody Told Me."

Formed in 2002, the Killers took its name from the New Order video "Crystal," which featured a fake band named the Killers — a supposedly perfect band with a great song, good looks and youth on its side. Turns out, it may be a case of reality following in the footsteps of art with the Las Vegas quintet of Flowers, guitarist David Keuning, bassist

A year later, the band had a deal with an independent English label and was touring nonstop. Within months, the Killers caught the attention of major labels, eventually signing with the Island Def Jam Music Group.

Mark Stoermer and drummer Ronnie Vannucci

Since then. Flowers' face has been splashed across magazines and the band has appeared on NBC's "Tonight" show

and Fox's "The O.C." But Flowers, 23, seems to be taking it in stride, careful not to take anything for granted in an unpredictable busi-

AP: You've only really been at it together a few years. Are you surprised by the quick success?

Flowers: We feel very lucky. There are a lot of talented bands out there. ... There's is so much to do with luck. I feel like we're a good band. But there are a lot of good bands out there and bands that are similar to us. It's just kind of right places and right times kind of thing I think. AP: You said earlier the Killers wanted to take it to a dif-

ferent level? Flowers: Joy Division was a great band. But U2 and the

Cure took that to another level and made it not only radio friendly but they kept their dignity intact. We want to be one of those bands that people are into but also has written some great songs. And radio is changing. The Strokes and the White Stripes have all done a very good job. But they haven't broken the doors open.

AP: Isn't that a tall order for a band?

Flowers: Yeah. Radio is changing and it's by no means just because of us. It's us and Franz Ferdinand and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs and a lot of other great bands. We're just happy to be part of the change that's happening. AP: So what inspired "Somebody Told Me"?

Flowers: I love the play on words. I think of it as a great icebreaker. I think of it as the ultimate pickup line. If I was a girl I would think that it's very clever, if a boy came up to me and said that to me. AP: Have you used that line?

Flowers: No. But I hope somebody does. I think the girl would melt?

AP: Or freak out? Flowers: No, not freak out. It would be funny, and it would be a great way to break the ice. Oh, I don't know. It's

our most lighthearted, most Las Vegas song. It's good, clean fun AP: Yet your band doesn't really give off that Las Vegas

Flowers: A lot of people think we do and I don't get it.

But then a lot of people also think we just rip off English bands. We just try to be us and write our songs. AP: At some point, the band had to make a decision

about its musical approach, right? Flowers: Well, sort of. These are the songs that we did.

We didn't really throw anything away because it didn't sound like us. We haven't had anything like that. We love different kinds of music, so our album is pretty diverse AP: Where do you go from here? What do you do next?

Flowers: We hit you harder with our next single ("Mr. Brightside") and then we hit you harder again with all these things that we've done. And then we win.

### **Professors feel political heat**

BY DAN ELLIOTT The Associated Press

DENVER - Academic freedom has never completely protected professors who make unpopular statements. One was fired in 1960 for suggesting that premarital sex among students could be a good thing. Three decades later, a department chair was demoted for saving a Jewish conspiracy denigrated blacks in the movies

Now experts say the Sent. 11. 2001, attacks have put new fire in the battle over just where academic freedom ends and misconduct or even treason - begins.

University of Colorado professor Ward Churchill could be fired pending an investigation prompt ed by his 2001 essay suggesting some World Trade Center victims were toiling away like efficient Nazi bureaucrats

There are no exact figures on attempts to fire or discipline professors since Sept. 11, but experts say they have probably increased. The fight is especially fierce at state universities where some question whether taxpavers



Two security members from the American Indian Movement stand guard behind University of Colorado Professor Ward Churchill on Tuesday as he addressed students at Memorial Student Center in Boulder, Cole

aries of profes-sors they find unpatriotic or outrageous. "We

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Association of University Professors in Wash ington. Overall, chal-

lenges to American professors today are mild compared with the attacks academics suffered during the anti-communist investigations spurred by Sen. Joseph McCarthy

#### Academics under fire

fessors being disciplined, criticized or let go for unpopular statements:

■ The University of Illinois fired biology professor Leo F. Koch in 1960 for a letter to the editor of the campus newspaper that read: "A mutually satisfactory sexual experience would eliminate the need for many hours of frustrating petting and lead to much happier and longer-lasting marriages among our younger men and women."

■ Leonard Jeffries Jr. lost the chairmanship of African-American studies at the City College of New York in 1992 after saying in a speech that "Russian Jewry had a particular control over the movies, and their financial part-

in the 1950s, said Robert O'Neil, director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free

Expression in Charlottesville, Va. O'Neil said universities have handled most post-Sept. 11 complaints about professors properly by submitting them to formal review, as Colorado is doing with Churchill and as the University of ners, the Mafia, put together a system for the destruction of black people." He sued but lost.

■ The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, recently accused economics professor Hans Hoppe of "mischaracterizing opinion as objective fact" by saving in a lecture that gays save less money than heterosexuals.

Hoppe has threatened to sue. ■ A faculty panel is looking into allegations that three Co lumbia University professors mocked Jewish students and that the department of Middle East and Asian languages and cultures favors Palestinian sympathizers. The professors say the allegations are the result of misunderstandings or fabrica-

- The Associated Press

New Mexico did for Richard Berthold, a former history professor who told students hours after the Sept. 11 attacks: "Anyone who can blow up the Pentagon has my vote." The university resisted enormous pressure to fire him, instead conducting a review and eventually issuing a letter of reprimand after he apologized.

#### Three university chiefs chide Harvard president over comment Princeton University president

The Associated Press

BOSTON - The presidents of three top universities wrote an essay criticizing the recent suggestion by Harvard University president Larry Summers that biological differences may help explain why more men than women excel in science

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fessors coming under intense scru-

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something somebody finds utterly loathsome," said Jonathan Knight

Stanford University president John Hennessey, a computer scientist; Massachusetts Institute of Technology president Susan Hockfield, a neuroscientist; and

Shirley Tilghman, a molecular geneticist, wrote the essay that appeared Saturday on the opinion page of The Boston Globe. "Speculation that 'innate differ-

ences' may be a significant cause

underrepresentation women in science and engineering may rejuvenate old myths and reinforce negative stereotypes and biases," they wrote.

The essay mentions Summers by name just once, in the opening

paragraph, and doesn't directly criticize him At a Jan. 14 conference, Sum-

mers urged study of whether there are biological explanations for the lower numbers of women achieving top scores on math and science tests. He has since apologized.

#### **EXCHANGE RATES**

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British pound Japanese yen (Feb. 14)	103.00
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Commercial rates	3
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### ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

### Privacy in money matters

NEW YORK - Though it might be tempting to ask how much a suit cost or how much a friend is earning at that new job. asking questions about someone else's money is a big breach of et-

"In etiquette, the principles are being respectful, honest and considerate," says Peggy Post, spokeswoman for The Emily Post Institute, which provides etiquette advice. "The honesty part is equated with tact. Yet some people don't think twice when they ask questions like 'How much do you make?' or 'What did you pay for that?' "

Just because a money figure is public, such as school tuition or the listing price for a house. doesn't mean it's acceptable to talk about, says Post. Think about how you'd feel were some one to start a conversation with you about how you planned to cover tuition payments or why you think your house is worth so much

There are more polite ways to get the information you need

Do vour own research. Real estate agents, for example, are happy to tell you the going price for homes in various neighbor-Web sites such as http://www.salary.com/ use figures from human resources denartments to provide average salaries, bonuses and benefits. You can search by job field, position, experience level and geographic location.

Rephrase. You could also rephrase your question to ask about money in general, not specifically one person's money. For example, say, "I'm hoping to become a reporter. Could you tell me the salary range for entry-level positions in your area?"

Remain silent. If someone asks you a nosy question, how you handle it is up to you. "You don't have to answer," says Post. "You can say, 'I don't talk about things like that

But your best bet is to change the subject. "Switch right over to something else. The person you're talking to will usually get the clue," Post says. Unless you know the person well, be tactful and don't mention that he or she is being a bore.

### Study: 'Unlikely' lobsters feel pain in boiling water

PORTLAND, Maine - A new study out of Norway concludes that it's "unlikely" lobsters feel pain, stirring up a long-simmering debate over whether Maine's most valuable seafood suffers when it's being cooked. Animal activists have claimed

for years that lobsters feel excruciating agony when they cooked, and that dropping one in a pot of boiling water is tantamount to tor-

funded But the study. by the Norwegian government and written by a scientist at the University of Oslo, suggests that lobsters probably don't suffer in boiling

The report was aimed at determining if invertebrates such as insects, crustaceans, worms and mollusks should be subject to animal welfare legislation as Norway revises its animal welfare law. It summarized the scientific literature dealing with feelings and pain among those creatures without backbones.

The study concluded that most invertebrates - including lobsters, crabs, worms, snails, slugs and clams - probably don't have the capacity to feel pain.

The Norwegian report backs up what the state's lobster industry and researchers have always said according

to Bob Bayer, executive director of the Lobster Institute, a research and education organization based in Orono.

The Norwegian study also cautioned that more research is needed because there is a scarcity of scientific knowledge on the subject.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has made lobster pain part of its Fish Empathy Project, putting out stickers and pamphlets with slogans like "Being Boiled Hurts. Let Lobsters Live."

PETA's Karin Robertson called the Norwegian study biased, saying the government doesn't want to hurt the country's fishing indus-



#### **EUROPEAN FORECAST**

Benelux: Cloudy with isolated rain and snowshowers . Highs in the mid to upper 30s. Tuesday lows in the upper 20s.

Britain, Ireland: Partly to mostly

cloudy with windy conditions and iso-lated rain showers. Highs in the lower 40s. Tuesday lows in the 30s. Croatia and Bosnia: Cloudy with snowshowers. Highs in the lower 30s. Tuesday lows in the teens.

France: Mostly cloudy with isolated snowshowers. Highs in the 40s to 50s. Tuesday lows in the upper 20s to the lower 30s.

Northern Germany: Cloudy with snowshowers. Highs in the 30s. Tuesday lows in the low to mid 20s.

Southern Germany: Cloudy with windy conditions and snowshowers. Highs in the 30s. Tuesday lows in the upper teens to mid 20s.

Hungary: Cloudy with snowshowers. Highs in the mid 30s. Tuesday lows in the lower 20s.

Northern Italy: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the low to mid 40s. Tuesday lows in the upper 20s.

Southern Italy: Cloudy with rainshow-ers. Highs in the mid 40s. Tuesday lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s.

Kosovo: Cloudy with snowshowers. Highs in the mid 30s. Tuesday lows in the teens.

Norway: Mostly cloudy with snow-showers. Highs in the upper 20 to lower 30s. Tuesday lows in the teens to lower 20s.

Portugal, Spain: Sunny. In the north, highs in the lower 50s, Tuesday lows in the lower 30s. In the south, highs in the lower to mid 60s, Tuesday lows in the lower 40e

wostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms, rain and snow mix inland. Highs in the lower 50s, mid 30s inland. Tuesday lows in the lower 40s, lower 20s inland. Turkey: Mostly cloudy with isolated

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SOME PATENT APPLICATIONS

#### **Horoscope**

The Taurus lunar influence over this day of love is extravagantly sensual. And with Venus and Nep tune agreeing to acknowledge love in its many forms. there's a strong need to share and show emotions. As a bonus, Mercury passes the sun, and our desire

#### to communicate overrides the need to be right. The result may be a healed relationship TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(February 14). Valentine baby, the commitments you honor lead you to a year of joyful living. When proper respects are paid you through next month, your new confidence carries you into an auspicious business deal. Late spring features time off, perhaps a vacation or romance that makes you see the world differently Virgo and Aries are favored for new love. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 14, 39, 5 and 35,

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Ancient Rome celebrated the rites of spring in February with a fertility festival in the middle of the month Celebrate vour own fertility in some way today, starting with your creative mind and your impressive productivity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you consider yourself to be a practical sort, the spirit of the holiday brings out your sensual side If you've made up your mind to give gifts, you'll choose something exceptionally romantic - and probably fattening, too! GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Always on the cutting edge, you'll find the hippest, coolest way to say, "I love you." It works so well for one person, you may use it

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The Catholic Church recognizes three different martyred saints with the name "Valentine." which poses the question: Will the real Valentine

on several. You're oh-so-popular

please stand up? You'll be asking LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your sign is associated with the heart. and you'll be subject to the sentimentality of the season. Do be careful not to get so carried up in a romantic notion that you forget the reality of a situation

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22), Of the estimated 1 billion printed valen tines that will be sent out this year, I

predict not many will be **Holiday Mathis** sent by Virgos - your sign prefers to make a personal call or share a

handcrafted design. LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Love may feel more like an unwelcome affliction than a dreamy state of bliss. It was the goddess of your ruling planet, Venus. who bore that arrow-wielding son named Cupid.

Consider yourself speared! SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

The history of Valentine's Day is shrouded in mystery - and that's exactly how you prefer your romance, too. The compelling qualities of love are the intangible ones. You are seduced by unspoken promises

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're at your best after you've taken the time to calm down. Thoughtfulness counts more than spending money. A small token of affection or a handwritten note touches the heart of your valentine.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). There's a reason Cupid is personified as a child and not a wizened old matchmaker. Love's impulsive, naive and, yes, foolish aspects are highlighted - but thankfully, not by you ... at least not

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Pagan cultures incorporated the concept of purification into their February celebration. Right now, you also resonate with the idea of purging something messy, inconvenient or just plain unnecessary from your life.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are confident and know exactly what you're doing. Aggressive and eager moves only mess with the romantic pace vou've established. You are patient and will wait for your love to come to you

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#### **Peanuts**

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#### Monday, February 14, 2005 · STARS AND STRIPES · IT'S VALEN-TINE'S DAY, HOW DO YOU THINK I'VE GOT A STUPID SHOE BOX FULL OF STUPID LOVE NOTES FROM EVERY STUPID GIRL IN MY CLASS OFFICE HAS A PAPER SHREDDER. TAKE THEM JP TO YOUR SCHOOL WAS On. OK ... CALL IT CHANCE. WHAT ARE YOU DOING? IT'S FEBRUARY! IT'S DESTINY SPROING DESTINY 2:14 (ou) TERRIBLE, I GOT A GREAT! I GOT! VALENTINE FROM EVERYBODY IN MY CLASS! EVERYBODY IN MY CLASS Blues MAN BE 54 Bocelli solo Across 55 Apportion 1 Put an end to 3aby | 56 Type squares 5 Inaccurate 57 Whatever's left 8 Portent 12 Protuberance KRAVEN MIGS OKAY, THAT'S DONE! NOW PLAYTIME'S OVER. 5,300 Down 13 Shuffleboard 1 Give the cold stick shoulder 14 Ashen 15 Fleet from far 2 Bean curd boider Man 3 Stench 16 Discussion in 4 Preseuro Spanish writing money 18 Chest of 5 One of eight drawers 6 Stole stuff? 20 Interlaced 7 Dozens of inches 21 Waitstaff's due 8 Choice 23 - Angeles 9 Primary canvas 24 Foot-operated 10 Otherwise levers 11 Require Blondie 28 Appellation 17 Puncturing tool 31 "Eureka!" 32 Tending to leak slowly 34 Charged bit WE'VE TRACED THE SOURCE OF ALL INTER-NET SPAM TO YOUR ...THE REVOLUTIONARY NEW PILL THAT TURNS YOUR BODY FAT INTO ROLEX WATCHES! FBI. WE NEED TO TALK TO YOU 35 Rocky peaks 37 Molasses-like syrups ALL OF IT 39 Author Wallace 41 Poet Teasdale 42 In the same place (Lat.) 45 Works dough 49 X marks its spot DID YOU TELL THE CHEF THAT THIS STEAK WAS TOUGH AND OVERCOOKEP AND NOT FIT TO EAT ?! 51 "Begone!" 52 Bridge position 53 Pitch 2-14 CRYPTOOUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: GRILLS AND STEAM IRONS ARE FLYING OFF THE SHELVES. THEY'RE DEFINITELY HOT ITEMS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals G

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

candy, and dinner

### Messages of love for troops abroad JUR

Dear Readers: Because today is Valentine's Day, I thought you might enjoy reading some of the 5 million messages of love and support sent to our men and women in the military during the Christmas holidays via Opera-tionDearAbby.net. Read on:

#### From Rhonnie in

Texas: I know things must be hard for you, being far from home and missing the friends and family you depend on for comfort. I know that when you signed on, you knew you could end up in an unfriendly place and would be gone for long periods of time. You knew this, yet you did it anyway. That selfless act says much of your character, your strength and your courage.

You're probably homesick, as are your family and friends for you. You are loved and appreciated by more than only your friends and family. You have a

strong nation behind you that wishes you home soon, whether you be in the heat of the desert or the cold and snow

#### From Sharon in Sanford, Mich.: Thank you

for your service to our country. I pray that everywhere you go. and in everything ye confront, that you will be given a special wisdom. It is my heart's desire that truth and freedom be strengthened, and flourish and all error manifested be dis-

#### From Robyn G., The Woodlands, Texas:

solved

Thank you for all of your sacrifices and hardships. I want every one over there fighting the good fight to know that America is thankful, even if we don't write all the time or send packages We are here for you and will be here for you when you come

#### From Louise in

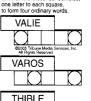
Lewisville. Ohio: You may find it hard to understand that someone vou don't even know is thinking about you. I am a mother of three and was an Army wife. You all are near and dear to my heart. Know that someone is praying that you come home safe and sound, that someone needs you to know you are not forgot-

#### From Becky in Edwardsville, III.: Thank

you for volunteering, and thank you for hanging in there during the tough times. There's no doubt we have the best sailors soldiers, airmen, Marines and National Guard in the world, and you make us very proud.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirlon Wow! A card, flowers,





Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. (Answers tomorrow)

MANY WILL DO

THIS ON

VALENTINE'S DAY

Saturday's

Jumbles: BOLISE FRAIID PELVIS SALOON Why the sweet shop went out of business -SALES "SOURED"

### Heartbreak will subside eventually

Dear Annie: 1 am 22 years old and was engaged to "Marty" for three years. I thought everything was going great. I always gave him everything he wanted. If he needed groceries, I would buy them. If he needed money, I always gave it to him. There was nothing in this world I wouldn't do for Marty

Last month Marty decided I had nothing to offer him and he ended our relation ship. I feel like I lost such a huge part of my life, and now that it's over all that matters to me is keeping my friendship with him

I recently found out there is a new girl in Marty's life. The news that he has someone else so soon after our breakup has ripped me apart. I'm not trying to ruin his new relationship, but how can I deal with such heartbreak and still maintain our friendship?

- Sad and Lonely in Colorado Dear Sad: For the moment,



Dear Abby

you can't. You need a breather from Marty so you can put the breakup in perspective. You deserve to be in a healthy relationship where you don't have to be a doormat in order to gain some one's love. Marty did not appreciate your constant need to please him. Such effort can be

suffocating. Do not contact Marty. Go out with friends, get involved in fun activities, and concentrate on ways to be good to yourself. If you need counseling, get it.

Dear Annie: My 33-year-old daughter, "Lily," is irresponsible when it comes to paying her bills. She has a full-time job and is divorced with two teenage children

When Lily was married, she and her husband lied about the reasons why they could not pay rent, borrowed money that they never paid back and also moved in with us. Each time they screwed up, we bailed them out My wife and I finally got tired of all the lies and threw them out of

the house Now that Lily is divorced, she is back in our home and on the same destructive path. There are two grandchildren involved.

What's a parent to do? — Desperate

Dear Desperate: It's hard to let your child make her own mistakes, sink or swim. Lily is 33 years old and needs to learn about fiscal responsibility. As long as she knows you will pay her way, she will let you. Teach her how to keep a budget, but don't bail her out. Show her how to start saving so she can live independently. If necessary, offer to keen the kids while she learns how to fend for herself.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Sync cate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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#### **Family Circus**

Answer



"Mommy! Make PJ stop bein" helpful!"







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AN-Sports and Radio, 1 am.—College bas-ketball: Pittsburgh at Syracuse.
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ARN-Sports, 9 am.—Bull riding: PBR Table
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AFN-Sports, 6 p.m.—College basketball:
AIr Force at New Mexico (did),
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—NFL: Pro Bowl Skills
Competition (did).

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"Zi. Cincinnati (18-5) lost to DePaul 85-66. Next: vs. Southern Mississippi, Wednesday. 22. Villanova (14-6) lost to No. 8 Syracuse 90-75. Next: vs. Bucknell, Tuesday. 23. Texas (16-7) beat Kansas State 75-72 OT. Next: vs. Texas A&M. Wednesday. 24. Pacific (20-2) beat Utah State 64-53. Next: vs. US Santa Barbara. Wednesday. 25. Texas Tech (15-6) lost to lowa State 81-68. Next: vs. No. 3 Kansas, Monday.

#### Saturday's men's scores

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6. Notre Dame (22-3) beat Georgetown 72-38. Next: at No. 22 Boston College, Tues-

day. 7. Baylor (19-3) beat Oklahoma State 87-51. Next: vs. Missouri, Wednesday. 8. North Carolina (20-3) did not play. Next: 8. North Carolina (20-3) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest. Wednesday. 9. Michigan State (21-3) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Sunday. 10. Connecticut (16-5) did not play. Next: 11. Connecticut (16-5) did not play. Next: 11. Eutypers (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. 10. Connecticut, Sunday. 12. Minnesota (18-5) did not play. Next vs. 12. Minnesota (18-5) did not play. Next: at 13. Texas Tech (17-4) did not play. Next: at 13. Texas Tech (17-4) did not play. Next: at 13. Texas Tech (17-4) did not play. Next: at 13. Texas Tech (17-4) did not play. Next: at 14. Texas Tech (17-4) did not play. Next: at 15. Texas Tech (17-4) did not play. Next: at 15. Texas Tech (17-4) did not play. Next: at 15. Texas Tech (17-4) did not play. Next: at 15. Texas Tech (17-4) did not play. Next: at 16. Texas T No. 17 Texas, Sunday. 14. Iowa State (18-4) lost to Nebraska 88-59. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Wednes-

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Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 181.399

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Margin of Victory: 0.199 seconds.
Caution Flags: None.
Lead Changes: 5 among 6 drivers.
Lap Leaders: DJarrett 1; G.Biffle 2-45; B.Labonte 46-48; C.Maers 49-50; R.Newman 51-54; J.Johnson 55-70.

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ARKANSAS STATE—Suspended junior F Marcus Ardison indefinitely from the men's basketball team. KANSAS STATE—Announced junior F Marques Hayden will not return to the men's basketball team this season.

### Illini's Brown there when it counts

#### **Guard** shakes off foul trouble. hits big threes to stop Badgers

BY JIM PAUL The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Dee Brown sat longer than he had all season.

He was on the court down the stretch, however, and hit two long three-pointers to seal unbeaten and top-ranked Illinois' 70-59 victory over No. 20 Wisconsin on Saturday

"Those were daggers." said teammate Deron Williams, who hit two three-pointers to ignite a 10-0 run early in the second half that erased a one-point Wisconsin lead and put the Illini (25-0, 11-0 Big Ten) in control.

"These guys got me the ball in good position," Brown said, looking at Williams and Luther Head. who led the Illini with 26 points. "I just set my feet and took a couple of shots.

The Illini tied a school record with their 25th consecutive victory. That streak was set over three asons from February 1914 to February 1916. It was Illinois' 19th straight victory at home and was played before a record Assembly Hall crowd of 16,865

Head's 26 points matched his



Wisconsin's Sharif Chambliss, left, tugs on Dee Brown's jersey in an attempt to beat the Illinois guard to a loose ball. Such tactics made no difference as top-ranked Illinois beat No. 20 Wisconsin 70-59.

season high and came without benefit of a three-pointer. He was 12-for-13 from the line.

Brown earned the biggest roar

of the day from the crowd.

Just after picking up his fourth

foul, he hit the first big three with 3:10 to go and only 2 seconds remaining on the shot clock. It ended a 6-2 run by the Badgers and gave Illinois a 57-49 lead.

Every time they made a run. we made a shot," Brown said.

The Badgers (16-6, 7-4) got a basket from Kammron Taylor and Illinois' Roger Powell Jr. hit two free throws to make it 59-51. Brown pushed Illinois' lead to double figures for the first time with an NBA-range jumper with 1:43 left that made it 62-51. He fin-ished 4-for-6 from three-point

"When a guy hits a three from that range, you don't have an an-swer for that," Wisconsin coach

Bo Ryan said. Brown finished with 16 points in a season-low 26 minutes. Will-

iams scored 15 points. Alando Tucker scored 24 points for the Badgers. Mike Wilkinson scored only two points in the second half after helping keep the Badgers close early. He finished with eight points, the first time in 15 games he had fewer than 10

'They worked me in the post trying to move around and make the entry passes tough," Wilkin-son said. "They did a good job pressuring (our) guards. Sometimes it's hard to get the ball in

the nost ' Wisconsin trailed 27-26 at halftime and started the second half with two free throws from Tucker to take its third and last lead of the game. Williams went downcourt and hit the first of two straight three-pointers to give the Illini a 30-28 lead and ignite what would be the decisive run. He hit again from long range 40 seconds later and then hit a short jumper from the lane that put Illinois ahead 35-28. Head hit two free throws to finish the run.



Duke's Sheldon Williams, Lee Melchionni, Daniel Ewing and Shavlik Randolph, all of whom fouled out, watch Maryland complete a 99-92 win Saturday night.

### Duke: ACC matchup turned on late fouls

Held to eight points before halftime, Redick sank his first three-pointer with 10 seconds elapsed in the second half. He then put the Blue Devils in front 52-50 with another shot from bevond the arc with 18:08 left -Duke's first lead since 27-26.

Minutes later, Williams scored on a tip and followed a Maryland turnover with a three-point play to make it 59-55. Another three-pointer by Redick put Duke up by five, and after Maryland pulled even, Williams made a layup and Melchionni hit a three-pointer to spark an 11-2

Jones then scored the game's next eight points to make it 73-73

with 8:26 left. Maryland committed only one turnover in the first half, outre-bounded Duke 24-18 and got 16 points from Gilchrist in taking a 48-43 halftime lead.

The sellout crowd of 17,950 arrived hours before tipoff, and the atmosphere in the arena at tipoff was electrifying. Those in atten-dance included former Boston Celtics coach Red Auerbach, Baltimore Ravens coach Brian Billick and former Orioles infielder Cal Ripken.

The noise level jumped another notch when Caner-Medley scored off the opening tip and Gilchrist hit a short jumper. After Duke closed to 11-9, Gilchrist made a layup and three-pointer to up the margin to seven.

Redick didn't get his first basket until nearly eight minutes were elapsed. Ewing kept the Blue Devils close by scoring 11 of their first 16 points, and he gave Duke its first lead with a three-pointer that made it 24-22.

But Maryland used a 9-0 spurt to go ahead 33-27, and the Terrapins stayed in front until Redick and Williams got going early in the second half.

### Simien leads Kansas' rout of Colorado

LAWRENCE, Kan. - Wayne Simien had 25 points and 12 rebounds to lead No. 3 Kansas to an 89-60 victory over Colorado on Saturday in one of the more lopsided series in college basketball

Simien was 11-for-11 from the free throw line — all in the first half. It was the 31st victory for the Jayhawks (20-1, 10-0 Big 12) in their last 32 games against Col-orado and their 22nd straight over the Buffaloes at home. It was the 16th straight season Kansas reached 20 wins Freshman Richard Roby had

14 points for Colorado (12-10, which had won four of six after starting the conference season 0-4.

No. 5 Kentucky 60, Georgia 51: At Lexington, Ky., Chuck Hayes and Patrick Sparks each scored 14 points and Kentucky held off a late run by undermanned Georgia

Kentucky (19-2, 10-0 Southeastern Conference) led by as many as 21 points in the second half, but Georgia (7-14, 1-10) rallied within 55-50 with 2 minutes left and came up empty on two other chances to further cut into the margin.

Rajon Rondo made a 5-foot iumper and Kelenna Azubuike went 3-for-4 from the free throw line in the final 26 seconds to seal Kentucky's ninth straight victory since a loss to No. 3 Kansas.



Sundiata Gaines had 13 points and 11 rebounds for Georgia. which started four freshmen and a sophomore and played without injured leading scorer Levi Stukes. The Bulldogs lost their sixth straight.

No. 6 Wake Forest 87, Florida St. 48: At Winston-Salem, N.C. Justin Gray scored 20 points and Eric Williams had 15 points and a career high 14 rehounds for the Demon Deacons (21-3 9-2 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Sixth-man Taron Downey finished with 14 points for Wake Forest, which avenged an overtime loss in Tallahassee three weeks

Von Wafer had 16 points for the

Seminoles (11-13, 3-8)

No. 8 Syracuse 90, No. 22 Vill-anova 75: At Philadelphia. Hakim Warrick scored a career-high 32 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as Syracuse (22-3, 9-2 Big East) handed Villanova (14-6, 5-5) its worst loss of the year.Randy Foye had 18 points for the Wildcats, who hadn't lost by more than six points.

No. 9 Louisville 65, South Florida 57: At Louisville, Ellis Myles scored 15 points and Taquan added 13 for Louisville (21-4, 9-2 Conference USA). Terrence Leather scored 18

points to lead South Florida No. 10 Oklahoma St. 66, Texas A&M 59: At College Station, Texas, John Lucas III scored

18 points, Joey Graham added 17

and Oklahoma State (19-3, 9-2 Big 12) recovered from poor first-half shooting to beat Texas No. 13 Michigan St. 64, Michigan 49: At Ann Arbor, Mich., Alan Anderson scored 16 points and Shannon Brown had eight of

No. 14 Gonzaga 61, Loyola Marymount 58: At Los Angeles, Ronny Turiaf had 20 points and 11 rebounds and Gonzaga (19-4, 10-2 West Coast Conference) dodged a huge upset by holding

his 14 in the opening minutes for Michigan State (17-4, 8-2 Big

off Loyola Marymount. No. 15 Utah 64, Colorado St. 50: At Salt Lake City, Andrew Bogut scored a career-high 33 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to lead Utah (21-3, 9-0 Mountain West) over Colorado State for its 16th straight victory.

Missouri 68, No. 16 Oklahoma 65 (OT): At Columbia, Mo., Thomas Gardner scored 11 of his 18 points in the final 2 minutes of heln Missouri (11-13, 3-7 Big 12) end a five-game losing streak Oklahoma (17-6, 6-4) has lost four of five

No. 17 Alabama 71, Mississippi 45: At Tuscaloosa, Ala., Kennedy Winston scored 22 points and Alabama (19-4, 8-2 Southeastern Conference) shot 58 percent in a victory over Missis-sippi (12-12, 3-8) that gave the Tide a two-game lead over LSU in the SEC West.

No. 18 Pittsburgh 68. Notre Dame 66: At Pittsburgh, Carl Krauser's runner from the lane with 11 seconds remaining put Pittsburgh (17-4, 7-3 Big East) ahead to stay following two come backs by Notre Dame (14-7, 6-5).

DePaul 85, No. 21 Cincinnati 66: At Rosemont, Ill., Quemont Greer scored 25 points and Drake Diener added 22 as the Blue Demons (16-5, 8-2 Conference USA) avenged an 83-54 loss last month at Cincinnati (18-6 6-4)

No. 23 Texas 75. Kansas St. 72 (OT): At Austin, Texas, Daniel Gibson scored 23 points, 14 in overtime and the Longhorns (16-7, 5-5 Big 12) snapped a three-game losing streak.

Iowa St. 81, No. 25 Texas Tech 68: At Ames, Iowa, Jared Homan broke out of a shooting slump with 23 points and fresh-man Tasheed Carr added 17 as Iowa State (13-8, 5-5 Big 12) wons its fifth in a row.

UCLA's Ryan Hollins vaults into the crowd to retrieve a loose ball during the first half of Saturday's 83-73 loss to Arizona at Pauley Pavilion.

### **Timeout, then lights out**

### Down five in second half, Arizona listens to Olson and then roars away from UCLA with a 19-0 surge

BY JOHN NADEL
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Josh Shipp made a short bank shot to give UCLA a five-point lead, Arizona coach Lute Olson angrily called a timeout, and the Pauley Pavilion crowd of 12.681 went wild.

It appeared the Bruins just might be on their way to an upset of the 12th-ranked Wildcats. Turned out they didn't come

Arizona came out of the timeout and silenced the UCLA fans by scoring 19 straight points, and the Wildcats went on to beat the Bruins 83-73 on Saturday.

"Once we got that timeout, the guys came out and made it tough for UCLA to score," Olson said. Salim Stoudamire and Ivan Radenovic scored six points each

during the run, triggered by Channing Frye's three-point play with 17:14 remaining.

When it was over, the Wildcats led 61-47.

"It went quick," UCLA freshman Jordan Farmar said. "They made some big shots and we took some bad ones."

The Bruins only made the game appear closer at the end by scoring the last 11 points.

"We all decided we needed to stop being selfish," said Stoudamire, who scored 15 of his 22 points in the second half to lead the Wildcats.

"Defense, and we rebounded, got transition buckets. They got a little tired," Stoudamire replied when asked about the decisive run. "I don't think that's the best we've played. It's up there, though."

Radenovic had 19 points and 12 rebounds, Mustafa Shakur scored 17, and Frye and Hassan Adams added 11 each for Arizona.

The Wildcats outrebounded the Bruins 26-12 after halftime and 39-31 overall.

"That was one of the best halves because we played together," Adams said. "I was just loving the way we were playing." By winning for the 18th time in

20 games and beating UCLA soundly for the third straight year at Pauley Pavilion, the Wildcats (21-4, 11-2 Pac-10) moved into first place in the conference. No. 11 Washington (20-3, 10-2) played Sunday at Oregon State.

Olson's 301st victory in Pac-10
play since taking at Arizona in
1983 moved him within three of
record-holder John Wooden, who
watched the game from behind
the Bruins' bench. Wooden guided UCLA to a 304-74 conference
record before retiring in 1975. Olson's teams are 301-86 against.
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70-year-old Olson and 94-year-old Wooden are both members of the Basketball Hall of Fame.

"If and when it happens, it will be bittersweet," Olson said of surpassing Wooden. "He was the greatest ever. It's always a pleasure to come and see him." Farmar led the Bruins (13-7, 7-6) with 27 points and five assists. Arron Afflalo added 13 points and Dijon Thompson and Brian Morrison scored 10 each for UCLA.

Stoudamire's three-point play with 13:04 left completed the game-deciding run. Morrison made two free throws a minute later for UCLA's first points in 5½ minutes.

"We fueled that by not doing a good job getting on their shooters," UCLA coach Ben Howland said. "We took a lot of questionable shots. They were more patient than we were. It's the sign of a veteran team, an experienced team."

Thompson, averaging nearly 19 points, committed two fouls in the first five minutes, and had only three points in the first half on one of his team's eight three-pointers.

"We were prepared for him,"
Adams said. "He just came off a
great game against ASU. We
didn't want him to have another

Thompson scored 27 of his career-high 39 points in the first half of UCLA's 95-76 victory over Arizona State on Thursday night.

"Every time I was on the floor and turned my back, they sent defenders at me," Thompson said. "I just missed shots. They were in and out. They felt good, but just didn't go in. After a 39-point game, teams are going to come after you, and they played tough "D' today."

# Utah St., San Diego St. wonder what happened as victories become losses

The Associated Press

UNLV and Pacific were just as shocked by their respective comebacks as San Diego State and Utah State were with their collapses.

Odartey Blankson scored 23 points and Michael Umeh had 22 for UNLV, which made up a 10-point deficit with less than 30 seconds remaining in regulation and beat San Diego State 93-91 in overtime Saturday.

"That was as great of an effort as I've

ever seen," Umeh said. "We just tried to stay positive the whole time. I just couldn't believe it. We just wanted to keep scrapping and see what happened. "It's hard to believe."

No. 24 Pacific, which had lost 30 of its previous 31 games at Logan, Utah, overcame an eight-point deficit with 37 seconds left to beat Utah State 64-63, the Tigers' 16th straight victory. "Winning that game was like a minor

miracle," Pacific coach Bob Thomason admitted.

Utah State coach Stew Morrill saw it a bit differently.

"We made stupid, stupid mistakes," Morrill said. "We gift-wrapped it and gave this one away. This is the stupidest loss I have ever been involved in.

"I'm not going to sugarcoat it. We were stupid."

44 This was the most disappointing loss that I have ever played in. A 10-point lead with 28, 29 seconds left. I never thought in my life I would see this. \$\frac{1}{2}\$

Marcus Slaughter San Diego State

Mike Webb made two three-pointers and Christian Maraker hit a jumper with 2.5 seconds remaining as Pacific (20-2, 14-0 Big West) stunned the Aggies.

With Pacific trailing 61-53, Marko Mihailovic was fouled on a three-pointer and made three free throws. Nate Harris hit two foul shots for the Aggies, but Webb responded with a three-pointer and, after a Utah State turnover, hit another, and Pacific was within 63-62.

David Pak missed two free throws for the Aggies with 11 seconds to go, setting the stage for Maraker's 16-footer. "This is as good as it gets as far as comebacks go," Thomason said. "These guys don't miss that many free throws. Thank goodness they missed those two."

"No one's going to sleep well tonight,"
'Too one's going to sleep well tonight,"
'Utah State's Spencer Nelson said. "I wish I
could give them credit for the win, but we
gave this one away. We didn't play very
smart in the last minute. We made five stupid mistakes in the last minute – but this is
not the season and we will see them again."

UNLV trailed 81-71 with 28.5 seconds left after San Diego State's Matt Thomas made two free throws. Blankson scored off a rebound with 17.8 seconds left, then was fouled taking a three-pointer and made all three free throws with 13.6 seconds left to pull the Runnin' Rebels within 81-76.

After San Diego State's Trimaine Davis missed two free throws, Jerel Blassingame made a three-pointer with 7.6 seconds left to make it 81-79.

When Davis made only the second of two free throws with 5.6 seconds left, UNLV had a chance and Terry made it pay off with a three-pointer at the buzzer.

"This was the most disappointing loss that I have ever played in," San Diego State's Marcus Slaughter said after a 25-point, 10-rebound performance went for naught. "A 10-point lead with 28, 29 seconds left. I never thought in my life I would see this."



Pacific's Marko Mihailovic hugs teammate Mike Webb in celebration of the Tigers' unlikely 64-63 victory over Utah State.

### Iverson scores 60 in 76ers' win

PHILADELPHIA - Allen Iverson gave the crowd an electrifying performance to remember. Then the fans returned the favor with raucous ovations he won't

soon forget. "That's when you get the goose bumps," Iverson said. "You honestly don't really feel it when the shots are going down. You don't ever get the goose humps until the fans start to appreciate what

you're doing out there." The Philadelphia star scored 60 points, a career high and the most in the NBA this season, to lead the 76ers to a 112-99 victory over the Orlando Magic on Saturday night.

Iverson, NBA-leading 29.7 points, was 17-for-36 from the field and made 24 of 27 free throws. His previous high was 58 against Houston on Jan. 15, 2002.

"I score a career high and we won the game," Iverson said. "That's how you draw it up in your dreams.

It was the first 60-point game in the NBA since Tracy McGrady scored 62 for Orlando against Washington on March 10, 2004, Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal had the previous high in the NBA this season, scoring 55 points against Milwaukee on Jan. 4.

Iverson, who had 54- and 51-point performances in consecutive games in December, also



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had the fourth-highest total in 76ers' history, behind only Wilt Chamberlain.

Iverson scored 29 points in the first half, banging and crashing all over the court while helping the 76ers turn it into a rout.

After Orlando went on a mini-run in the third that cut a 25-point deficit to 11, Iverson hit a three-pointer from the right side as time expired to reach 40.

Then Iverson earned a standing ovation for points 50 and 51.

He stole the ball and was fouled hard on a layup attempt, slamming against the floor as he seemingly always does. The crowd erupted and stood in appreciation for Iverson, who went to the line and made a couple of free

It was the same for points 59 and 60 - two more free throws. The fans were on their feet each time Iverson had the ball in the fourth quarter, giving a routine game the feel of a Game 7.

"When they're up, when they're making noise and they're feeling good, that makes you feel good, that makes you feel good about people coming out to see you," Iverson said. "It's some-thing they might remember and cherish for the rest of their lives."

The game certainly left an impression on Sixers coach Jim O'Brien

"I've never witnessed a performance like this," O'Brien said.
"This is the greatest performance
I've ever witnessed."

Iverson was consistent from the start, scoring 17 points in the first quarter, 12 in the second, 11 in the third, and 20 in the fourth. Eleven of his fourth-quarter points came from the line.

"It was just attacking, attack-ing, attacking all night," Iverson said. "I guess that's why I went to the free-throw line as much as I I didn't settle for jump shots

The 76ers pulled within one game of Boston for the Atlantic Division lead and are one game been at .500 since they were 6-6 on Nov. 26 and haven't had a winning record since they were 4-2 on Nov. 14.

Maybe Philadelphia needs more 40-point games from Iver-son; the 76ers are 5-1 when he reaches that mark this season Iverson also had his ninth 50-point regular-season game. He's scored 50-plus three times

in the playoffs Corliss Williamson added 18 points for the 76ers. He started in place of Kenny Thomas, sidelined by a back injury.

Steve Francis scored 32 points for the Magic, and Grant Hill had

Pistons 107, Wizards 86: In Auburn Hills, Mich., Chauncev Billups scored 21 points and Richard Hamilton finished with 20 points and eight assists ad Detroit romped over Washington.

All of Detroit's starters scored in double figures as the Pistons picked up their second lopsided victory in three games. Detroit beat the Los Angeles Lakers 103-81 on Thursday in a rematch of teams that played in last year's NBA Finals.

Tayshaun Prince scored 16 noints and matched a career high with seven assists for the Pistons. who finished with a season-best 33 assists

Gilbert Arenas, selected to the Eastern Conference All-Star team over Hamilton and Billups. led Washington with 24 points. Jamison, Antwan All-Star, scored 14 points for the Wizards, who had a four-game winning streak snapped.

#### Bucks 113. Hawks 83: Des-

mond Mason scored 23 points and Mike James added 18 to help Milwaukee win for the third straight time and hand Atlanta its 14th straight road loss.

Michael Redd, Milwaukee's leading scorer, had his 212-game playing streak end when he sat out because of a sprained left index finger, which he hurt while going for a rebound in the closing seconds Wednesday night in Tor-

Antoine Walker led Atlanta with 21 points.

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### **McHale** takes over for fired **Saunders**

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - Kevin McHale shook up the struggling Minnesota Timberwolves on Saturday, firing longtime friend Flip Saunders and taking over the coaching duties for the rest of the McHale, the team's vice presi-

dent of basketball operations, called Saunders on Saturday morning to break the news.

"We talked this morning, and it was very, very hard," McHale said. "We've known each other for a long time, but our last 32 games we're 12-20, and just not playing at a level that's acceptable, energy-wise. "Maybe a new voice will help.

I'm going to do my best to get these guvs competing at a higher

Saunders, who had the second-longest tenure among NBA coaches, will be reassigned within the organization, the team said. Minnesota is 25-26 this season,

a disappointment after last season's franchise-best 58-24 mark. Spurred on by Kevin Garnett's MVP season, the Wolves reached the Western Conference finals for the first time, creating ontimism heading into this season.

It hasn't been as easy. Saunders used 12 starting lineups this season and bewildered his players at times with his substitution patterns, all in an effort to become successful again.

But nothing seemed to work. The Timberwolves have dropped seven of their past eight, and McHale was frustrated with their listless play in the first half of the

"Our effort level is just not there, and I said, 'Glen, it's on me,' and he said, 'Do something about it,'" McHale said, referring to owner Glen Taylor So the Hall of Famer called his

old college pal and teammate from the University of Minnesota and delivered the news.

In nine-plus seasons, Saunders was 411-326. He was hired on Dec. 18, 1995, taking over for Bill Blair and helped turn one of the NBA's most lackluster franchises into a legitimate contender. Last season, Saunders became

the eighth coach in NBA history to have coached his first 700 games with the same organiza-He led the Timberwolves to

eight straight postseason appearances, but that included first-round exits before the breakthrough last season

McHale said the fault probably lies more with the players than Saunders for the team's struggles, but making a coaching change was a quick fix.

"This is a players' league," McHale said. "We have to get our players playing at a higher level.



### **Johnson off to solid start with Shootout win**

#### Driver early favorite to claim Nextel Cup title

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH Fla - A victory in Saturday night's Budweiser Shootout revived the season-ending momentum that came so close to giving Jimmie Johnson a NASCAR Nextel Cup title in 2004 and has made him the favorite going into this season.

"This is a great shot in the arm Hendrick Motorsports Johnson said after leading the final 16 laps of the non-points event at Daytona International Speedway. "A lot of work goes into this over the winter and this win will put a smile on everybody's face and make all those hours they put in worthwhile."

The driver who finished second to Kurt Busch by just eight points last year - the closest margin in stock car history — took the lead 16 laps from the end of the 70-lap Shootout and held off a pack of charging challengers to the end.

"Of course, this win doesn't real-ly prove anything," said Johnson, who has been the series runner-up each of the last two seasons. "Until you have that trophy in your house, it doesn't mean much, But we've won on short tracks and intermediate tracks and this is our first win on a plate track."

Daytona is one of only two NASCAR tracks where horsepower-sapping carburetor restrictor plates are required to keep the Cup cars under 200 mph.

Ryan Newman grabbed a big lead when he took only two fresh the second segment of the made-for-TV race. But Johnson, with four new tires, was the next fastest driver out of the pits, getting out ahead of early leader Greg Biffle, who appeared to have the fastest car on the track most of the night.

But it was Johnson who tracked down Newman in just eight laps on the 21/2-mile oval. He charged past Newman's Dodge on lap 55. pulling Biffle, Busch and Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon along with him.

"Really, at the end, it mattered most who came out first on that pit stop, and my guys got it done on pit road and got us out ahead of [Biffle]," Johnson said. "He had a great car and when he was leading I really couldn't get a run on him. I knew that once I got into the lead he wasn't going to be able to get around me. It's just too hard to pass the leader.

While Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet held the lead, the action behind him was furious in the closing laps, with Newman making a great move, diving low into the first turn three laps from the end to pass Biffle and Gordon and grab second place.

Newman credited the two-tire call to crew chief Matt Borland and said that despite the fact it didn't earn him a win it was the reason he wound up second.

"I think it was a good call. It put us a situation in which we could have won and it turned out pretty good for us," the Penske Racing have anybody to work with. though, so we couldn't stay out

"We're just happy to come home second and it was a great debut for the brand new Dodge Charger.

Gordon, who had taken second place away from Biffle on lap 66, was shunted back to sixth on the next lap, but came back to finish third. Tony Stewart wound up fourth, followed by Biffle, Busch, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Mark

The victory came in Johnson's third start in the non-points race for last year's pole winners and former Shootout champions. Johnson took home the

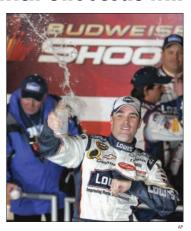
er's share of \$212,945.

Defending Shootout Dale Jarrett, who picked the pole position in a blind draw, led the first lap before Biffle moved into the top spot, where he remained until the scheduled 10-minute break after the first 20 laps.

Earnhardt, whose history in the Shootout includes a win in 2003 two runner-up finishes and a sixth, started 12th and began to struggle with an electrical problem midway through the 20-lap opening segment.

"We changed everything we could during the break," said Pete Rondeau, Earnhardt's new crew chief.

The quick fix appeared to work just fine as Earnhardt drove into contention when the event was restarted. But Junior, who will de-



NEXTEL Cup driver Jimmie Johnson celebrates after winning the Budweiser Shootout at Daytona International Speedway on Saturday.

fend his championship in the Daytona 500 next Sunday, was never able to get to the front.

Biffle wound up leading a race-high 44 laps, holding the top spot until the front-running cars nitted on lan 46. He came out of the stop third, behind Newman

and Johnson, and never got back to the lead

A crowd estimated at 85,000 showed up for what is often a preview of the Daytona 500. The next event on the Daytona Cup schedule is Sunday's pole qualifying for

### Mickelson cruises to 7-stroke lead at Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. - Phil Mickelson finally found a situation to tone down his attacking style.

With a dominant performance not seen on the Monterey Peninsula since Tiger Woods won the U.S. Open, Mickelson blew away the field Saturday in the Pebble Beach Na tional Pro-Am with a 5-under 67, giving him



a seven-shot lead and a tournament record for the third straight day. Despite 24 victories on the PGA Tour, Lefty has never had a

lead this large. "I don't want to do anything stupid,"
Mickelson said. "But I don't want to play
defensive, either."

Then again ..

"With this many strokes, I also can take a few chances, too," Mickelson said with a playful grin. "Maybe I might hit driver in a certain spot that I wouldn't otherwise, because I'm OK if I happen to have a penalty shot or what have you. So it might lead to some different play. We'll see.

Either way, it appears his final round could be nothing more than a walk along the beach.

Mickelson rapped in a 5-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole at Pebble Beach to finish the three-course rotation at 20-under 196, breaking by two shots the 54-hole scoring record set by David Duval in 1997. All he needs to do Sunday is shoot anything under par to break the 72-hole tournament record that Mark O'Meara set that year. Only an eagle by Greg Owen kept Mickel-son's lead from being even larger.

Owen, a 32-year-old from England who made it through all three stages of Q-school last year, hit a 4-iron into 12 feet on the par-5 18th at Poppy Hills for a 67. He had no idea the size of Mickelson's lead until informed by reporters, and it didn't take long for him to realize the size of his task

"You've just got to make birdie on every hole," Owen said.

Mickelson's seven-shot lead was the largest on the PGA Tour since David Toms led by the same margin last year in Memphis And it had the same feel as Woods' record-setting performance at Pebble in the 2000 U.S. Open, when he took a 10-shot lead into the final round and won by 15.

Two-time Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal had a 68 at Poppy Hills and was in a large group at 11-under 205 that included Kevin Sutherland, Paul Goydos and Tim Clark of South Africa.

Mike Weir of Canada had a 73 at Spy glass Hill and dropped back to 206, 10 shots out of the lead Vijay Singh will have to watch the final

round from home. The world's No. 1 player became the fourth straight defending champion to miss the cut at the AT&T Peb ble Beach National Pro-Am.

Singh had another 73 to finish at 3-over 219, ending his streak at 28 consecutive

Miyazato leads Japan to World Cup win GEORGE, South Africa — Teenage sensa-tion Ai Miyazato continued her emergence

as a star on Sunday, shooting a 6-under 67 in difficult conditions on the Links Course at Fancourt to lead Japan to a two-shot victory in the Women's World Cup.

A five-time winner as a 19-year-old rook-ie on the Japan LPGA Tour, Mivazato was 10 shots better than the average score in the final round of stroke play, in which nine of the 40 women failed to break 80. Her teammate, Rui Kitada, had an 82 to give Japan a 3-over 149.

They finished at 3-under 289 after both made birdie on the par-3 17th to surge past South Korea and the Philippines. U.S. Women's Open champion Meg Mal-

lon and Hall of Famer Beth Daniel had 78-80 as the United States finished 14th in the 20-team field, 12 shots behind. Japan squandered a six-shot lead on the

back nine at Fancourt, site of the 2003 Presidents Cun But Miyazato and Kitada came through

on the treacherous par-3 17th, which features bunkers to the right of the deep, parrow green, and an 8-foot trench that runs along the left side.

Miyazato hit her tee shot within 2 feet and Kitada holed a 10-footer for birdie that gave Japan the lead for good in the \$1 million event.

This was the first Women's World Cup since 2000, when Australians Karrie Webb and Rachel Hetherington won in Malaysia.

They finished fifth at Fancourt. Jennifer Rosales shot 71, one of only four rounds under par, and Dorothy Delasin added a 75 as the Philippines tried to rally. Jeong Jang (74) and Bo Bae Song (75) of South Korea also were tied for the lead until Japan's late heroics on the 17th. Scotland was tied for the lead going into the last day, but Janice Moodie struggled to an 80, while Catriona Matthew had a 72.

Scotland finished fourth at 292 Lorena Ochoa of Mexico had the only other sub-70 round, a 4-under 69, but that was offset by Alejandra Martin del Campo

#### Fasth earns second European tour title AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Sweden's

Niclas Fasth won the New Zealand Open on Sunday for his second European tour title, beating England's Miles Tunnicliff with a 15-foot birdie putt on the second hole of a playoff.

Fasth, also the 2000 Madeira Island Open winner, closed with a 9-under 63 to match Tunnicliff (66) at 22-under 266 on the Gulf Harbour course. Tunnicliff made a 20-foot birdie putt on the final hole of regulation to force the playoff.

After opening with rounds of 65 and 63, Fasth overcame a third-round 75 to win his second European tour title. The 32-year-old Swede, a member of the 2002 European Ryder Cup team, had an eagle and seven birdies in his bogey-free final round. Australians Richard Green (68) and

Simon Nash (67) tied for third at 18 under. England's Oliver Wilson, the third-round leader, shot a 74 to tie for seventh at 15 under in the event co-sanctioned by the Eu-

ropean and Australasian tours. England's Steve Webster followed his

third-round 80 with a course-record 62 to tie for 41st at 7 under.

### **Germans surprise field** in nations team event

BY ERICA BULMAN The Associated Press

BORMIO, Italy - There were two sur-

prises Sunday during the new team event at the Alpine Skiing World Championships. The first was the winner, underdog Germany, which had failed to claim a single

medal until then. The second was how pop ular and exciting the prototype finale turned out to be

The dominant Austrians and Americans were billed as the heavy favorites leading up to the inaugural team contest, so it came as a jolt when the lowly Germans made up for their dismal showing the past two weeks by snatching the last title of the championship with 26 points.

The Austrians humbly took silver their 11th medal — with 29 points and France happily claimed their first medal of the championships, edging the Americans for bronze with 38.

"It was very important for the German Ski Federation to win this medal today, said German team veteran Hilde Gerg who'd collected five medals at previous Olympic and world championships but none of them gold.

"We have a very good team. Sometimes maybe we're not so lucky, but the team is very good. It's a small team

In an atmosphere of fun, Florian Eckert Martina Ertl. Andreas Ertl and Gerg delivered steady runs in the morning super-G to put Germany in the lead, as the large crowds reacted enthusiastically each time the scores were updated on a screen at the finish

Germany remained atop the standings throughout the slalom portion, following a third place by Martina Ertl in the opening

women's slalom run and a first place for Neureuther Monika mann-Schmuderer clinched the gold by posting the fastest time in the third of the four slalom series.

"This is a dream," said Berg-mann-Schmuderer, soaked in champagne "Everything today unfolded super well Winning the gold medal before running the last series was really great."

After Michael Walchhofer and Benjamin

Raich led Austria to provisional second place following the super-G, the fight for silver went down to the men's final slalom run, with individual slalom silver medalist Rainer Schoenfelder clinching it for Aus-

"At the end it was a hard competition Schoenfelder said. "It would be a bad thing if the competition would be easy for one nation, us for example. But these rules make it not too easy for Austria.

'As you see, Germany won the race and I think this is possible for every nation. It really depends on every racer finishing and with a good time

It was a fifth medal and a new experience for Raich, who won the slalom and combined, taking silver in the giant slalom and bronze in the super-G.

"The men and the women are not very often together," Raich said. "It's good for the team spirit

Many had scoffed when the new team event was unveiled, arguing it was too complicated for spectators to understand, too late in the championships and too team-oriented in what is a highly individual snort.

Nations named six skiers to their team and then chose four - two men and two women - to race one super-G run each and four - two men and two women - for



Reniamin Raich of Austria, left, shakes hands with American Rode Miller during the nations team event at the World Alpine Ski Championships, in Bormio, Italy, Sunday,

A points ranking system determined the winning nation after the total of eight runs for each team.

Sweden missed out on one of the men's super-G runs after misunderstanding the competition's qualifying criteria.

The United States learned that consisten cy was as important as spectacular individual results.

Newly crowned downhill and super-G champion Bode Miller and Daron Rahlves carried the team to a provisional fourth place in the morning's super-G, posting the two fastest times while Lindsev Kildow and double bronze medalist Julia Mancuso failed to finish.

But Miller once again self-destructed in the slalom, missing a gate on the upper part of the course. Miller has failed to finish seven of eight slalom races this season. including Sunday's world championship

Sweden had a disastrous super-G session in the morning, languishing at the bottom of the provisional rankings after Anja Paerson, Patrick Jaerbyn and Janette Hargin all failed to finish.

The Swedes were unable to make up much ground in the slalom, and ended up seventh with 48 points.

While nine teams entered, nations like Croatia and Finland couldn't because of an insufficient number of qualified super-G skiers

"What we've been able to see is the event has great potential," said FIS Secre-tary-General Sarah Lewis. "You only have to look at the teams. They all entered their

"I already spoke to the Finns on how they're going to build their team to be able to participate in 2007. The Norwegians as

### Patriots promote Mangini

FOXBORO, Mass. - The New England Patriots promoted Eric Mangini to defensive coordinator Saturday, succeeding new Cleveland Browns coach Romeo Crennel Mangini, who was the Patri-

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ots' defensive backfield coach, was pursued by Crennel and Miami

Dolphins But Patriots coach Bill Belichick, playing at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am golf tournament in California, told CBS-TV on Saturday that Mangi-

ni was taking over for Crennel. "He's done a great job for us with the secondary," Belichick said, "[He has] big shoes to fill with Romeo, but Eric's a great young coach. He's been with me for a long time, he's done a great job for our football team for the last five years.

Mangini has been credited with helping the Patriots' defen-sive backfield overcome injuries to starting players in the team's push to their third Super Bowl victory in four years

In a statement released by the team, Mangini said he is thrilled to be staying with the Patriots.

"The Kraft family and Bill Belichick have treated me tremen-dously," he said. "This team and our players are a special group and mean a great deal to me. I look forward to putting this process behind and focusing on our offseason and the new challenges ahead.'

The 34-year-old Mangini has been on the Patriots' defensive staff since 2000.

#### Gold medal skiler Johnson charged with assault

PORTLAND, Ore. - Olympic ski champion Bill Johnson was charged with assaulting an offic-er and resisting arrest after punching a sheriff's deputy in the face during a traffic stop, police said

Johnson, 44, was stopped in his pickup truck Friday by a Multnomah County sheriff's dep-uty and a suburban Troutdale police officer. When the officers ap proached. Johnson pulled out his 1984 gold medal and taunted them by saying, "You don't have one of these," police said. Authorities said Johnson

threw his keys at Deputy Jeff Cordes, reached out his window, grabbed the deputy's shirt and punched him in the face. Johnson then refused to obey or-ders to exit the vehicle and lie on the ground.

Johnson has been charged with assaulting an officer, resist-ing arrest and driving while intoxicated. He remained jailed Saturday night, and was being held until arraignment Monday. Bail was set at \$17,500.

Hours later, when an officer tried to interview Johnson in jail, he lunged at the officer, grabbed him by the vest and tried to hit him, said Lt. Bruce McCain of

the sheriff's office.
The 1984 Olympic downhill champion. Johnson attempted a comeback to compete in the Salt Lake City Games. But he suf-fered a traumatic brain injury during a training run in March 2001 and was in a coma for three

#### Roddick, Saulnier in SAP final

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Andy Rod-dick had to play his best to beat Tommy Haas

The defending champion and top-seeded Roddick used everything in his impressive arsenal and hit 14 aces in a 7-6 (3), 6-3 victory over the third-seeded Haas on Saturday night in the SAP Open semifinals

Roddick advanced to the title match Sunday against Cyril Saulnier, who reached his first career final with a 6-7 (3) 6-3 6-3 victory over seventh-seeded Jurgen Melzer

### Gag order lifted, but no progress in NHL lockout

BY IRA PODELL The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Neither the NHL nor the players' union did anything Saturday to avert a deadline that had ticked down to its last 24 hours for saving what little remained of the season.

A cancellation announcement could come as early as Monday. making the NHL the first major North American sports league to lose an entire season to a labor dis-

"It's not an issue that needs to be decided in advance," NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly told The Associated Press. "It doesn't have to be decided until Monday morning.'

There was no contact on Saturbetween the sides, who have held to vows not to reach out to the other since talks broke off Thursday. NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said if a new collective bargaining agreement wasn't being written by this weekend, there would not be time to have

an abbreviated season. The NHL sent a memo to its 30 clubs on Friday, allowing them to contact players - something that was forbidden in the lockout that has gone on for five months, Daly told The Associated Press on Sat-

urday.

If enough anxious players call NHLPA executive director Bob Goodenow, it could pressure him seek a last-minute deal. But Daly said he didn't expect the union to return to the bargaining

The NHL memo also allows team representatives to speak publicly about the lockout without being subject to significant fines.

In October, Steve Belkin, one of the Atlanta Thrashers' owners, was ordered to pay \$250,000 for saying the league would use replacement players next year if a new collective bargaining agreement isn't reached.

The memo did not encourage executives to reach out the players or the media, it just al-lowed them more flexibility in responding to questions on those matters," Daly said. "The timing obviously relates to the imminent cancellation of the season.'

So, Sunday will be a key day in the lockout that has lasted 150 days and claimed 824 of the 1,230 regular-season games and this weekend's All-Star festivities.

"I still hold out some hope something might get done the next few days," Philadelphia Fly-ers chairman Ed Snider said.

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### **Dreaming of a big night**



76ers guard Allen Iverson goes to the basket past the Magic's Kelvin Cato during the first half on Saturday. Iverson scored a career-high 60 points in Philadelphia's 112-99 victory. "I score a career high and we won the game," Iverson said. "That's how you draw it up in your dreams." See story on Page 37.

### **Terps, fouls** throw Duke for OT loss

Maryland pulls away after 5 Blue Devils sent to bench

By DAVID GINSRURG The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - For 40 minutes, Duke withstood a spirited effort by Maryland in front of

a fervent, hostile crowd. In overtime, however, the seventh-ranked Blue Devils were worn out - and nearly out of play-

Travis Garrison had 17 points and 11 rebounds, and the Terrapins pulled away for a 99-92 victo ry Saturday night. Including their win in the finals of the Atlantic Conference tournament last March, the Terps have won three straight against Duke for the first time since 1982.

"I think it's great. You realize the games were close, so you don't gloat," Maryland coach Gary Williams said. "You just feel good because you beat a great program and a great coach.

John Gilchrist scored 19 points, Chris McCray had 17 and reserve guard Mike Jones added 15 for Maryland (15-7, 6-5 ACC), which completed its first regular-season sweep of the Blue Devils since 1995

"Good teams play well against each other," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "That's why we play well against them. They're a very good basketball team; they played with high energy and a sense of purpose

The Blue Devils (18-3, 8-3) staggered to the finish without five players, all of whom fouled out late in regulation or in overtime. Shelden Williams had 23 points

and 16 rebounds, and Daniel Ewing also scored 23. But both were gone long before the finish, as were Shavlik Randolph, Sean Dockery and Lee Melchionni.

'It was frustrating. We were definitely at a disadvantage missing five of our main players," Duke guard J.J. Redick said. "They just had more overall athleticism than we did in overtime because they still had their main

Duke went 0-for-9 from the



Maryland's John Gilchrist and Chris McCray (13) celebrate after beating Duke in OT on Saturday.

field in overtime, scoring all four

of its points at the line. With Maryland up 91-90 in the extra session, Garrison scored on

a follow and McCray made two foul shots for a five-point cushion. The Blue Devils simply didn't have enough firepower to mount

a comeback At the final buzzer, the crowd poured onto the court to celebrate another Maryland victory in one of college basketball's fiercest ri-

'It was 12 rounds," Maryland forward Nik Caner-Medley said "From the break it was up and

down and back and forth. Redick scored 21 for Duke,

which fell a game behind first-place Wake Forest in the ACC

Duke led 86-82 with 1:34 left in regulation, but three-point plays by Gilchrist and Ekene Ibekwe put the Terrapins ahead 88-86 with 39 seconds left, Williams fouled out on the latter play, leaving the Blue Devils lacking in the

DeMarcus Nelson scored on a drive to tie it with 34 seconds left, and Gilchrist and Caner-Medley misfired before the final buzzer

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